

*The Ultimate
Christmas Craft
Collection*

Light Bulb Reindeer

Use these free directions and pattern to create a reindeer Christmas tree ornament using an old light bulb.

Materials Needed:

Light Bulb
Thin Ribbon
Brown Fun Foam or Felt
Paint
3/4-Inch Red Pom-pom
Glue

Instructions:

I put 3 layers of paper mache on my light bulb first. Although this is optional, I highly recommend it because this helps make the light bulb less fragile. Paint the light bulb with light brown paint. Let the paint dry completely. I set the neck of the lightbulb into an empty film container. This worked great while the paint dried!

With the neck of the light bulb pointing up, paint eyes and a mouth on the reindeer. Glue on the red, pom-pom nose.

Cut two antlers out of fun foam using the pattern below. Glue one to each side of the light bulb neck.

Form a loop with a piece of thin ribbon, about 10 - 12 inches long and glue it on the top, back edge of your reindeer head. This will be the hanger for your ornament.

Light Bulb Snowman

Materials Needed:

Light Bulb
Thin Ribbon
Child's Sock
Snowpaint
Buttons
Orange Bump Chenille Stem
Scrap Black Felt or Paper
Glue

Instructions:

I put 3 layers of paper mache on my light bulb first. Although this is optional, I highly recommend it because this helps make the light bulb less fragile. (You can find out how to paper mache [here](#).)

Paint the light bulb with the snowpaint. You don't need to paint the neck (the part that goes into the light socket). Let the paint dry completely. I set the neck of the lightbulb into an empty film container. This worked great while the paint dried!

Tie a piece of thin ribbon, about 10 - 12 inches long, securely around the neck of the light bulb. Add a few drops of glue to secure the ribbon. This will be the hanger for your ornament.

Now you will make a stocking cap for your light bulb snowman. Cut off the top of the sock, you will want about 6 inches to work with. Slide it over the neck of the light bulb; and make sure the ribbon comes out through the top. Roll the edge of the sock that is over the light bulb until you have only about 1 inch hanging over the top.

Tie a piece of ribbon around the top edge of the sock just above the end of the light bulb. Tie it into a bow and trim off any long ends. Secure the rolled edge of the sock onto the light bulb with a few drops of glue.

Now you can make the snowman's face! Glue on small buttons for the eyes (you can also use large wiggle eyes). Cut half of a bump off the orange chenille stem and glue it on to be the snowman's nose. For the mouth, cut out small circles (to look like coal) out of black felt or paper and glue them on.

Light Bulb Santa

Materials Needed:

Light Bulb
Thin Ribbon
Red Child's Sock
Paint
White, Curly Chenille Stem
1-Inch, White Pom-pom
White Chenille Stem
Small, Pink Pom-pom
Glue

Instructions:

I put 3 layers of paper mache on my light bulb first. Although this is optional, I highly recommend it because this helps make the light bulb less fragile. (You can find out how to paper mache [here](#).)

Paint the light bulb with flesh-colored paint. You don't need to paint the neck (the part that goes into the light socket). Let the paint dry completely. I set the neck of the lightbulb into an empty film container. This worked great while the paint dried!

Tie a piece of thin ribbon, about 10 - 12 inches long, securely around the neck of the light bulb. Add a few drops of glue to secure the ribbon. This will be the hanger for your ornament.

Now you will make santa's hat. Cut off the top of the red sock, you will want about 6 inches to work with. Slide it over the neck of the light bulb; and make sure the ribbon comes out through the top. Pull the edge of the sock down the lightbulb to the desired spot.

Tie a piece of ribbon around the top edge of the sock just above the end of the light bulb. Tie it into a knot and trim off any long ends. Glue the pom-pom on the top edge of the hat to hide the ribbon you tied it with. Secure the bottom edge of the sock onto the light bulb with a few drops of glue.

Make Santa's beard using the curly, white chenille stem. Glue it in place; start from one edge of the hat, go around the bulb, and end at the other edge of the hat. Cover the tips of the beard by gluing on the white chenille stem around the bottom edge of the hat.

To complete your Santa ornament, paint on some eyes, and glue on the pink pom-pom to be his nose.

Mouse in a Cup

Materials Needed:

Small Medicine Dosage Cup

Paint

Paper

Pom-poms

Wiggle Eyes

Pipe Cleaner

Felt

Instructions:

Use a medicine dosage cup - the kind that comes on top of most bottles of cough syrup. Paint your medicine cup. Cut a small half circle of felt and glue it in place to be the cup's handle.

Glue a 1 inch pom-pom on the bottom of the cup, glue another one inch pom-pom on top of that. This will be your mouse's body and head peeking over the side of the cup. Cut about a 4 inch piece of pipecleaner and glue it inside the cup as the mouse's tail. Then cut out 2 small felt circles for the mouse's ears and glued them in place. I used the smallest pom-poms for the mouse's raised nose and then glued on a black seed bead (If you want to make small thread whiskers, glue these on before the seed bead). Glue the wiggle eyes in place and you now have a tiny mouse sitting in a cup!

You can also add a piece of ribbon or yarn and make this a fun Christmas tree ornament!

Crocheted Holly Wreath

Materials:

green yarn

red yarn

ring 1 1/4 inch

crochet hook

Size: (approx.) 4 1/2 inches

1st row

Attach green yarn to ring and chain 3 (counts as first double crochet).
25 double crochet into ring. (26 D.C.)

2nd row

Chain 5, single crochet into 3rd double crochet. Repeat until 13 loops.

Chain 10, sl st to next sc (for fastener).

Use red yarn to look through double crochets and make bow at bottom.

Holiday Note Holder

Materials:

4-ply yarn (red, green, blue, and white)

Crochet Hooks E and F

Pencil and notepad

Back: Crochet the BASIC CIRCLE with green.

Front:

Rnds 1-4: With red, repeat rnds 1-4 of BASIC CIRCLE. Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in first 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, (sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st) around, join. Fasten off. Rnd 6: Join white with sl st in first st, ch 3, 3 dc in each of next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc in each of next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st) around, join(72). Fasten off.

Joining front and back:

With blue, repeat BASIC JOINING. Cut a star out of felt and glue to top of holder near hanging loop. Decorate the red skirt area with felt Christmas packages or holly and berries.

BASIC CIRCLE:

Rnd 1: With F hook and green yarn, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 3, 11 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of ch 3(12).

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around, join as before.(24)

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st), around, join(36).

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc next st) around, join(48).

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc in each of next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st) around, join(60).

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sts, (2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 11 times, 12 sc in last st, join(72). Fasten off.

BASIC JOINING:

Matching first sts of rnd 6, place circles right sides together with front circle facing you. With F hook and blue yarn, working through both thicknesses, join with sl st in first st, ch 2, hdc in next 36 sts, fold front circle down, hdc in next 18 sts on back circle, ch 3, hdc in next 18 sts, join with sl st in first sc; working in remaining unworked sts on front circle, sc in each st around remaining half of front, join with sl st in next st on back circle. Fasten off. For pencil holder, sew 8 sts at center bottom of folded circle across bottom

Christmas Crocheted Stocking

Materials:

Knitting Worsted - one skein each A-Red and B-White

Crochet hook - H

Stocking:

With A, ch 50, sl st in first ch.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in next ch, (ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch) around(25 sc). Do not join, work in continuous rounds. Mark the beginning of round.

Rnd 2: (Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp) around. Repeat rnd 2 for pattern.

Work 2 more rnds A. Work (3 rnds B, 3 rnds A) 6 times. Work 1 rnd B.

Heel:

Next Row: With A, (sc in ch-1 sp, ch 1) 6 times, turn.

Next Row: With A, (sc in ch-1 sp, ch 1) 12 times, turn.

Next Row: With A, (sc in ch-1 sp, ch 1) 11 times, turn.

Next Row: With A, (sc in ch-1 sp, ch 1) 10 times. Continue as

established sk last ch-1 sp at end of each row until 5 sc remains.

Next Row: (Sc in ch-1 sp, ch 1) 5 times, draw up a lp in last st or row below, draw up a lp through tops of last st in next row below, yo and through 3 lps on hook. Ch 1, turn.

Next row: repeat last row.

Next Row: (Sc in ch-1 sp, ch 1) 6 times, ch 1, draw up a lp in dec 2 rows below, draw up a lp in end of next row below, yo and through 3 lps on hook. Ch 1, turn.

Next Row: (Sc in ch-1 sp, ch 1) 7 times, ch 1, dec same as last row, ch 1, turn. Continue as established working one more st each row before dec until 12 sc are worked before dec; row extends to last long row of stocking.

Next Row: (Ch 1, sc in ch-1 sp) 12 times, dec as before drawing up a lp in end of first short row made.

Next Row: (Ch 1, sc in ch-1 sp) 11 times, dec as before drawing up a lp in first short row made. Sl st to center of heel.

Next Row: (right side): with B, continue in pat around(25 ch-1 sp).

Work (3 rnds A, 3 rnds B) twice. Work 3 rnds A, 1 rnd B.

Toe:

Next Row: With A, *(ch 1, sc in ch-1 sp) 5 times, ch 1, (draw up a lp in next ch-1 sp) twice, yo and through 3 lps on hook - dec made.

Repeat from * twice. Work 1 rnd even.

Next Row: *(Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times, ch 1, dec in next 2 ch-1 sps, repeat from * once. Work 2 rnds even.

Next Row: *(Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp) 4 times, ch 1, dec in next 2 ch-1

sps, repeat from * twice.

Next Row: (Ch 1, sc in ch-1 sp) twice, ch 1, dec in next 2 ch-1 sps, repeat from * 7 times.

Next Row: (Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, dec in 2 ch-1 sps) around until 5 sts rem. Stitch opening closed.

Finishing:

With A, make 4 2" pom poms and stitch evenly spaced along center back.

Hanger: Ch 20, sl st in first ch. Ch 3, dc in each ch around. Sl st in top of ch-3. Stitch inside top of stocking at center back.

Christmas Coasters

Materials:

Sport weight yarn - A-Christmas variegated, B-Red, C-Green.(or any colors you want to use).

Crochet Hook - D

Rnd 1: With A, ch 8, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 3(counts as dc), work 17 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off. (18 dc)

Rnd 2: Join B with sc in first st, sc in each st around, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join C with sc in first st, ch 4, skip next 2 sts, (sc in next st, ch 4, skip next 2 sts) around, join. (6 ch sps)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, 5 dc, ch 2, sc, ch 1) in each ch sp around, join. Fasten Off.

Rnd 5: Using B, join with sc in any ch-1 sp, ch 7, (sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 7) around, join.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, 7 dc, ch 2, sc, ch 1) in each ch-7 sp around, join. Fasten off.

Rnd 7: Using C, join with sc in any ch-1 sp, ch 8, (sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 8) around, join.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, (sc ch 2, 12 dc, ch 2, sc, ch 1) in each ch sp around, join.

Rnd 9: Ch 1, sc in last ch-1 sp made on last rnd, (ch 3, dc in next 12 dc, ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times, ch 3, dc in last 12 dc, ch 3, join. Fasten off

Round Crochet Ornaments

Size 10 Crochet Thread

Size 7 Steel Crochet Hook

Ch 40, sI st to form a ring

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in joining st; sc in next 3 chs, 2 sc in next ch; *sc in next 4 ch, 2 sc in next ch; rep from * around; sI st in 1st sc to join (48 sc).

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in joining st, ch 4; * sk 2 sc, sc in next sc, ch 4; rep from * around; sl st in 1st sc to join (16 ch-4 sps)

Rnd 3: SI st in ch-4 sp, ch 1; sc in same sp, ch 4, * sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4; rep from * around; sI st in 1st sc to join (16 ch-4)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in joining st; * in next ch-4 sp work (hdc, 3 dc, hdc to make shell) sc in next sc; rep from * around, sI st in 1st sc to join
16 ch-6 sps)

Rnd 5: SI st to 2 dc of shell, ch 1, sc in same dc; ch 6; * sc in 2nd dc of next shell, ch 6; rep from * around; sl st in 1st sc to join (16 ch-6 sps)

Rnd 6: Ch 7 (counts as dc & ch 4), dc in joining st; *in next ch-6 sp work (dc, ch 4, dc); in next sc work (dc, ch 4, dc); rep from * around; sI st in 3rd ch of beg ch-7 to join.

Rnd 7: SI st to middle of ch-4 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 4; *sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 4, rep from * around; sl st in 1st sc to join.

Fasten off & weave in ends

Stiffen with glue and water mix.

Add ribbon and ribbon roses as shown above.

Christmas Ripple Afghan

Materials:

Sz J crochet hook

Green, Red, & White Yarn

A=Green

B=Red

C=White

Please note: you need to know how to crochet for this pattern.

1.Ch 173

2.Foundation Row:Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in each of next 4 ch, ch2, dc in each of next 4 ch*, rep from * to * to last 6 ch,skip next 2 ch, dc in each of next 3 ch, 2 dc in last ch, turn.

3.Row 1: 2 dc in first dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, *skip next 2 dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 3 dc*, rep from * to * to last 6 dc, skip next 2 dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, 2 dc in top of beg dc, turn.

4.Rep Row 1 for pat 5 times more. Fasten off A.

5.Rep Row 1 for pat working 7 rows each with B,C, A,B,C,A,B,C,A,B,C. Fasten off.

6.Fringe: Cut A into 8 inch lengths.Using 4 strands of A for each fringe, single knot one fringe in each st along top and bottom edges of afghan.

Snowflake #1

You need:

Size 7 steel crochet hook

Size 10 crochet cotton (I use white with sparkles in it for an extra touch)

Ch 5, join with sl st in beg ch to form a ring

Rnd 1: Ch 3, (counts as first hdc plus ch 1)

11 times in ring; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beg ch-3: 12 hdc

Rnd 2: (Sc, ch 15, sc) in first ch-1 sp of prev

rnd, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, * (sc , ch 15, sc)

in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp; rep from

* around; join with sl st in beg sc: 6 ch-15 lps

Rnd 3: Sl st in each of first 7 chs of first ch-

15 of prev rnd, ch 4 (counts as first tr), (2 tr,

ch 3, 3 tr) in same ch-15 sp, ch 10, * (3 tr, ch

3, 3 tr) in next ch-15 sp, ch 10; rep from *

around; join with sl st in 4th ch of beg ch-4

Rnd 4: Sl st in each of first 3 tr of prev rnd

and in ch-3 sp, ch 4 (counts as first tr), 2 tr

in same ch-3 sp, ch 6, sl st in 6th ch from hook,

(ch 6, sl st in same ch) twice (triple picot made)

3 tr in same ch-3 sp of prev rnd, ch 5, sc in next

ch-10 sp, (ch 6, sl st in sc just made) twice

(double picot made), ch 5, *3 tr, triple picot,

3 tr in next ch-3 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-10 sp,

double picot, ch 5; rep from * around; join with

sl st in 4th ch of beg ch-4; finish off: 6 points

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Sp=Space

Tr=Triple Crochet

Stiffen them using glue with a little water, then I pin them on a cardboard piece covered with tinfoil. Allow to dry.

Snowflake #2

You need:

Size 7 steel crochet hook

Size 10 crochet cotton (I use white with sparkles in it for an extra touch)

Ch 10; join with sl st in beg ch to form a ring

Rnd 1: Ch 9 (counts as first sc plus ch 8), (sc, ch 8) in ring 5 times; join with sl st in beg sc: 6 lps

Rnd 2: Sl st in each of first 4 chs of first ch-9 of prev rnd, * (sc, ch 6, sc) in same ch-8 lp, ch 6, sc in next sc, ch 6; rep from * around; join with sl st in beg sc: 18 lps

Rnd 3: Sl st in first 2 chs of ch-6 of prev rnd, ch 4 (counts as tr), (2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in same ch-6 lp, ch 5, * skip next 2 ch-6 lps, (3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) in next ch-6 lp (shell made), ch 5; rep from * around, join with sl st in 4th ch of beg ch-4; 6 shells

Rnd 4: Ch 1, * sc in each of next 2 tr, ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in each of next 3 tr, ch 4, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4; rep from * around; join with sl st in beg sc; finish off: 6 points

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Snowflake #3

You need:

Size 7 steel crochet hook

Size 10 crochet cotton (I use white with sparkles in it for an extra touch)

Rnd 1: Ch 5 (counts as first tr plus ch 1),
(tr, ch 1, (2 tr, ch 1) 7 times) in 5th ch
from hook; join with sl in 5th st st in of beg ch-5.

Rnd 2: Sc in beg tr and in next tr, * (hdc, dc,
hdc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 2 tr;
rep from * 6 times more, (hdc, dc, hdc) in
ch-1 sp; join with sl st in beg sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in 2nd sc, ch 20 (being careful not
to twist ch),sc in same sc, ch 4, tr in next dc,
ch 6, hdc in tr just made, ch 6,sc in same
tr as before, ch 4; rep from * around join
with sl st in beg sc: 8 ch-20 lps.

Rnd 4: Sl st in first 10 chs of beg ch-20, +*
ch 6, (hdc in 11th ch of beg ch-20, ch 6) twice,
sc in 11th ch (triple picot made), ch 4, sc in
next ch-6 sp,ch 3, sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 4+,
sc in 11th ch of next ch-20; rep from * 6
times more,rep from + to + once; join with sl st
in beg ch; finish off:8 points

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cardboard piece covered with tinfoil.Allow to dry.

Snowflake #4

You need:

Size 7 steel crochet hook

Size 10 crochet cotton (I use white with sparkles in it for an extra touch)

Rnd 1: Ch 2, work 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 6 (counts as dc plus ch 3), (dc in next sc, ch 3) 6 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-6: 7 dc.

Rnd 3: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same dc, ch 5, (2 dc in next dc, ch 5) around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Sl st to 2nd dc, sc in same dc, * (sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in ch-5 sp (shell made), sc in each of next 2 dc; rep from * around, ending last rep by working sc in last rep by working sc in last dc; join with sl st in beg sc: 7 shells.

Rnd 5: Ch 10 (counts as hdc plus ch 8), dc in 2nd tr, ch 8, * hdc in 3rd sc, ch 8, dc in 2nd tr, ch 8; rep from * around; join with sl st in beg sc: 7 shells.

Rnd 6: Sl st in first 2 chs of beg ch-10 of prev rnd, 4 sc in same ch-10 sp, ch 3, dc in next dc, (ch 6, (hdc in dc just made, ch 6) twice, sc in same dc) (triple picot made), ch 3, 4 sc in next ch-8 sp, ch 4, * 4 sc in next ch-8 sp, ch 4; rep from * around; join with sl st in beg sc; finish off: 7 points.

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Tr=Triple Crochet

Stiffen them using glue with a little water, then I pin them on a cardboard piece covered with tinfoil. Allow to dry.

Stained Glass Ornament

Materials Needed:

Clear, plastic, smooth tumbler glasses

Permanent markers

Hot glue gun

Ribbon

Foil

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray foil lined cookie sheet with non-stick spray.

Color any way you choose with the permanent markers on the outside and/or inside the clear tumbler. When colored to your satisfaction (not all spaces have to be colored) place cups on foil and into the oven.

Check after a minute and watch closely. The cup will melt and you do not want it to burn.

Each cup will melt in a different shape; play with the placement. Remove from foil when slightly cool to keep from sticking.

When completely cool, make a hole with the hot tip of the glue gun and string a ribbon thru the hole to hang in window or on tree

Christmas Tree Sun Catcher

Materials Needed:

Green Construction Paper

Colored Tissue Paper

Glue

Instructions:

Cut a Christmas tree shape out of the construction paper. Use a hole puncher and punch out holes all over the tree. Glue colored tissue paper to cover the holes you punched. Hang in windows for a lovely stain glass look

Magazine Christmas Tree

Supplies:

Readers Digest magazine

Glue

Glitter

Spray paint(green, gold, or silver)

Directions:

Remove both covers from magazine. Take the upper right hand corner of the first page & bring it down so that the top edge of the page rest against the glued binding of the magazine. Now crease this first fold, carefully. Again take this page & fold it over until the crease rests against the glued binding of the magazine. Crease second fold. Finally fold the triangle (that overlaps the bottom of the magazine) upward so it will be even with the bottom of the book, crease it. The first page is finished continue folding & creasing the remaining pages. When the magazine is completely folded glue the front & back pages together. Paint tree, add glitter while wet add star to top.

Puzzle Tree Ornament

Materials Needed:

15 Old Jigsaw Puzzle Pieces
Green Paint
Items to Decorate Your Pine Cone Tree
Ribbon
Glue

Instructions:

Paint all the puzzle pieces green. For variety, you can use a few different shades of green! Let the puzzle pieces dry completely. Once all your pieces are dry, you are going to glue them together to form a triangle shape as shown here:

Experiment with overlapping different pieces to get the special look you want. Once your tree is formed, cut a six inch length of ribbon, tie it into a circle and glue the tied section to the back of the top of your puzzle tree. Use miscellaneous supplies to decorate your tree so it looks like a miniature Christmas tree. Here are a few ideas of items to use:

Yarn
Rick-rack
Glitter
Beads
Sequins
Small Buttons

Santa's Sleigh

Materials:

Laundry scoop

Dollar store garland

Candy canes (large and small and individually wrapped)

Hot glue gun

Candy

Instructions:

Make the runners out of regular size candy canes using the hot glue gun. Glue them to the bottom of the laundry scoop making sure that the long end of the scoop was in the front. Next put small candy canes the back of the sleigh, again using the hot glue gun.

Then apply the garland for the reigns and decoration. You can find a strand of garland with beads and miniature Christmas lights at the dollar store. Cut it up and glue it to the sleigh. Use two lights and two strands of beads.

Holiday Clay Pot Choo Choo

Crafting Time: 45 minutes, plus drying time

Materials:

DecoArt™ Patio Paint™ Pot O' Gold DCP11
DecoArt™ Patio Paint™, Cloud White
DecoArt™ Patio Paint™, Deep Waterfall Blue
DecoArt™ Patio Paint™, Geranium Red
DecoArt™ Patio Paint™, Mistletoe Green
DecoArt™ Patio Paint™, Wrought Iron Black
Lara's Crafts Flower Pot, Wooden, 1-inch x 1-1/8-inch
Lara's Crafts Wheels, 1½-inch, 8
Lara's Crafts Wooden Button, ¼-inch
Clay pot, 2 inch, 5
Craft sticks, 5
Foam Balls, ½-inch, 7
Paintbrush, flat shader, No. 4
Paintbrush, flat, No. 12
Paintbrush, liner, No. 1
Palette
Ribbon, holiday, ¼ or ½-inch, 8 inches
Water container

Glue two 2-inch clay pots together top to top. Allow to dry. Use large flat brush to paint Deep Waterfall Blue. Allow to dry. Use tip of brush handle to create dots on pots. Allow to dry.

Use large flat brush to paint one clay pot Geranium Red. Allow to dry.

Use large flat brush to paint two remaining clay pots, wooden pot, button and all popsicle sticks with gold paint. Allow to dry.

Use liner brush to write NAUGHTY on rim of one Pot O' Gold pot, and NICE on rim of other Pot O' Gold pot. Use tip of brush handle to add Geranium Red dots on each side of words. Allow to dry.

Fill NAUGHTY pot with foam balls and glue in place. Use wide flat brush to paint foam balls Wrought Iron Black to resemble coal. Allow to dry.

Paint all wheels Cloud White, using large flat brush. Allow to dry. Use small flat brush to paint five evenly spaced Geranium Red stripes on each wheel. Allow to dry. Use liner brush to add a thin Mistletoe Green

stripe between each Geranium Red stripe. Allow to dry. Use small flat brush to paint center of each wheel with Pot O' Gold. Allow to dry.

Use scissors to cut down four craft sticks to 4 inches. Glue a wheel to end of each craft stick.

Glue Deep Waterfall Blue pots to two sets of wheels. On one half glue button to bottom center of one clay pot, and glue wooden pot just below rim. Glue Geranium Red pot to other half. Tie ribbon around base of Geranium Red pot and make a two-loop bow.

Glue the remaining craft stick to center of axles on remaining wheels. Glue NAUGHTY and NICE pots side by side on top of craft stick.

Fill NICE pot with candy of your choice

Pine Cone Snow People

Materials Needed:

Pine Cone

Paint

1 inch White Pom-Pom

1 inch Red Pom-Pom

1/4 Inch Green Pom-Pom

Orange Pipe Cleaner

Beads

Twigs

Ribbon

Glue

Instructions:

Paint the pine cone white. This will be your snow person's body. Glue the white pom-pom onto the pointy top of the pine cone for your snow person's head. Find two tiny twigs and glue them in place for the snow person's arms.

I made my snow person's face using an orange pipe cleaner as the nose, seed beads to form the mouth, and slightly larger beads for the eyes.

For the hat, I trimmed one edge of the red pom-pom and glued it on. I made a ball on the red hat with a small, green pom-pom. I wrapped about a 6 inch piece of ribbon around the neck

Reindeer Candy Holder

Materials Needed:

Small Jar (baby food)

Felt or Construction Paper

2 Small Twigs

Wiggle Eyes

Pom-poms

Glue

Instructions:

Cut two ear shapes out of brown felt or construction paper. Also cut out a piece of felt or construction paper that will wrap around the jar.

Gather the bottom, straight edge of the ear so it looks more like a diamond shape. Attach the ears and the twigs, which will be the antlers, to the jar using masking tape.

Being generous with the glue, attach the piece of felt you cut earlier to the jar to cover the tape and the ends of the ears and antlers (figure 4). It will be a bit bumpy, but this is okay! Add a large brown pom-pom to the deer to glue a pom-pom nose and a mouth on . Also add wiggle eyes.

Bleach Bottle Santa

You will need:

1 bleach bottle

white yarn

12 by 12 flesh felt

glue

2 eyes (black felt, buttons, or googly eyes)

Tool to make small holes in plastic bottle

Wire

1/4 yard of red material

14 inches of curly chenille

Any material for a ladies collar

Step 1: Cut the bottle in half. First make the man Santa. You decide the size of face you want and make a circle with a pencil.

Step 2: Make plenty of holes all around the circle.

Step 3: Cut the flesh felt in a circle and glue to the bottle.

Step 4: Now start inserting the white yarn, leaving 2 inches on the lower holes and 1 inch of yarn on the upper holes. String the yarn in and out of each hole,(this makes the beard) and the hair line..

Step 5: Add on the eyes and mouth if you have one. Make sure you have yarn going across for the mustache. You may have to cut the mustache to your liking. Take the red material and make a triangle hat. At the tip of the hat add on a bell.

Step 6: Take the red felt and cover the back side of the bottle. Stretch a piece of wire across the back so you can hang it up. Attach the wire to each side real tight.

Step 7: Now you glue on the red hat and glue on the white chenille for the RIM of the hat.

DO THE SAME STEPS FOR THE MRS. SANTA LEAVING OUT THE FOLLOWING: No beard, no mustache. And the last thing for Mrs. Santa is to add on the collar.

Terra Cotta Angel

Materials:

Terra Cotta Pot

Wooden ball

Beads or Spools

Yarn

String

Scissors

Glue

Paint

2 inch wide ribbon

1. Turn the terra cotta pot upside down and paint it to look like the angels dress. (painting it a single color will also work)
2. Paint the wooden ball a skin color.
3. Once the paint is dry paint eyes, nose and mouth on the wooden ball.
4. Cut a piece of yarn 2 feet in length and fold in half.
5. Once paint on terra cotta pot is dry, string the bent half of yarn through the hole in the bottom of the terra cotta pot .
6. Pull the yarn through until it hangs 3 inches past the lip of the pot.
7. Tie a knot with the two loose ends securing the string from slipping through the hole of the pot.
8. Cut the bend in the string.
9. String beads onto each of the four pieces of yarn.
10. Tie each piece of yarn in a knot to keep the beads from sliding off the yarn.
11. Glue the head onto the body .
12. Tie the ribbon in a large bow and glue to the back of the body to make the wings .

Bear Wreath

You need:

- 1 six inch wide wreath
- 4 three inch teddy bears
- 1/4 inch wide green & red ribbon
- 1/2 inch wide white ribbon roses
- 1 6 inch plaid bow (or you can make one)

1. Make 2 red & 2 green tie bows out of the ribbon.
2. Glue these on the bears neck followed by one of the ribbon roses.
3. Hot glue the bears to the wreath, lining them up next to each other.
3. Tie the plaid bow to the bottom of the wreath.
4. Take a small amount of the ribbon, make a loop & glue to the back of the wreath for a hanger.

Thats it! Very easy & cute!

I have made many of these wreaths. They make very nice gifts.

Santa or Snowman Candy Jar

Materials:

1 large jar
1 large styrofoam ball
Kid's size red sock
Moveable eyes
1/4" red pom pom
3" piece of red pipe cleaner
Large handful of cotton balls and a piece of paper
Hot glue gun and glue sticks

1. Set the styrofoam ball on top of the jar.
2. Glue on the eyes, the red pom pom for a nose, shape the red pipe cleaner into a smile and glue it on.
3. For the snowman, you can substitute three 1/4" black pom poms for the pipe cleaner.
4. For Santa: cut a beard out of paper and glue on cotton balls to cover.
5. Glue the beard to the styrofoam ball.
6. Create a tongue with the child's sock- turn the sock inside out. At the ankle (just where the foot joins the ankle) tie the string around the sock and knot tightly. Cut the foot off the sock about 1/2" above the knot. Turn the ankle part right side out. Turn up the rim of the sock and glue the tongue on the head.
7. Fill the glass or jar with candy and set the santa or snowman hat on top.

Yuletide Angel

Materials:

pen

scissors

1 bowl, about 6 inches in diameter

1 7x7 piece of lace or netting

1/2 inch diameter bead

2 gold tinsel pipe cleaners

5 inches of 1-inch wide ribbon

clear drying glue

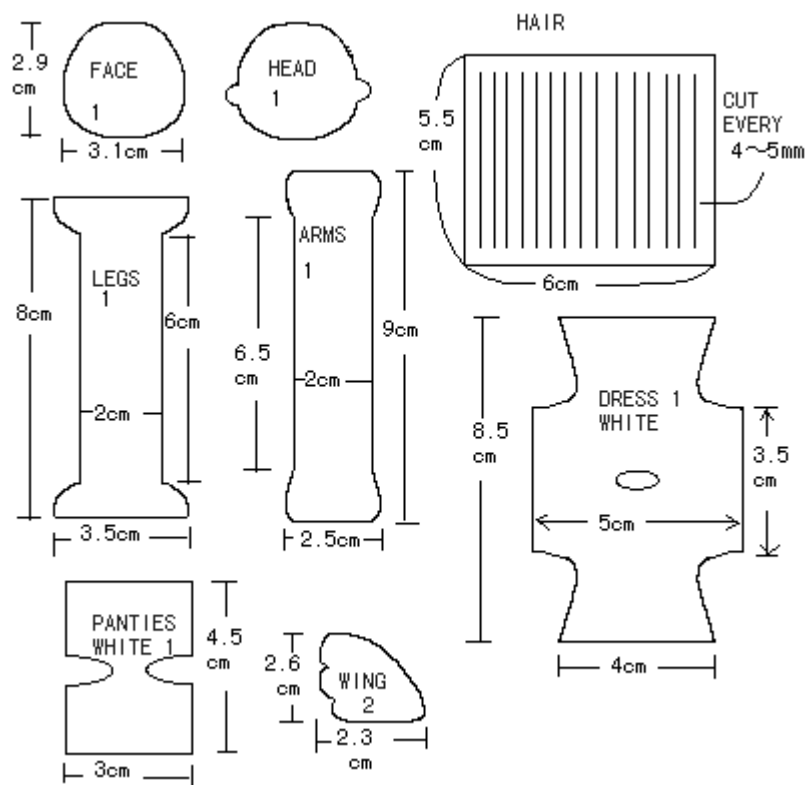
1. Place the bowl on top of the lace and trace around it with a pen.
2. Cut out the lace circle just inside the pen line.
3. Place the bead on the fabric with the hole running straight up and down.
4. Gather the lace around the bead.
5. Wrap a pipe cleaner around the lace just under the bead and twist to secure.
6. Do not trim the ends of the pipe cleaner.
7. To make the wings, place the ribbon shiny side down in front of you.
8. Loop one end around and glue it to the middle of the ribbon.
9. Repeat with the other end of the ribbon.
10. Hold the ends in place until the glue sets.
11. Pinch the wings together in the center and hold them just under the angel's head, on top of the pipe cleaner.
12. Twist the pipe cleaner around the middle of the wings to attach them to the body.
13. Trim the ends of the pipe cleaner.
14. To make the halo, wrap a pipe cleaner around a pencil to form a circle.
15. Twist the pipe cleaner to secure it around the pencil.
16. Slide the pencil out of the pipe cleaner circle.
17. Trim off one end of the pipe cleaner right next to the circle.
18. Trim off all but 1/2 inch of the other end of the pipe cleaner.
19. Apply glue to the 1/2 inch section of pipe cleaner.
20. Force the pipe cleaner through the fabric and into the hole in the top of the head.

ANGEL DOLL

* MATERIALS *

good quality felt (skin color, white, yellow brown), thread (skin color, white, yellow brown, pink, brown), polyester filling, some small button (heart, star etc.) a piece of golden string.

These are all of the parts.
Print out the pattern below



* Assembly *

Sew with the hem-stitch or open-button hole-stitch

1. Fold and sew the arm, leaving the opening. Sew the leg in the same way.
2. Stuff the filling with a stick, and close the opening.
3. Bend the center of the arms, and sew like F.1 making the neck.
4. Bend the center of the legs and sew, too. Then fit the arms and the legs, and sew tightly. (see the picture well)
5. Sew both sides of the panties, and put and sew it on the body.
6. Fold and sew both sides of the dress. Put it on the body.
7. With the face and the head together, and sew around.
8. Snip a hole at the base of the head the size of the neck. Be careful not to cut the face.
9. Stuff the head, and push the neck into the hole. Sew around the neck tightly.
10. Embroider a mouth and eyes.
11. Fold the hair part putting the edges together. Stitch them together and pull.
12. Make it like a flower, put it on the head. (make the seam allowance inside.)
13. Sew the loop of hair one by one as shown on the picture.
14. Sew the both hands together on the body.
Put a heart button if you have.
15. Sew wings on its back.

Finish up with putting rouge on the cheeks

A CHRISTMAS POTPOURRI

Amount	Measure	Ingredient -- Preparation Method
3	c	Fresh juniper sprigs -with berries
2	c	Red rosebuds
1	c	Bay leaves
1/4	c	Cinnamon chips
2	tb	Cloves
10		Drops rose oil
3		Drops pine oil
6		Drops cinnamon oil
1	tb	Orrisroot chips
5		Whole dried rose blossoms
3		Three-inch cinnamon sticks
20		Assorted pinecones, -painted gold

Combine the juniper, rosebuds, bay leaves, cinnamon chips, cloves, and cones in a big ceramic bowl. In a separate dish, mix the oils with the orrisroot. Stir this mixture into the first one and put into a closed container to mellow for a few weeks, stirring occasionally. Place the potpourri in a dish and scatter the roses blossoms and cinnamon sticks on top.

Christmas Eggs

What you need: Large needle; eggs; Clear gloss liquid plastic; enamel paints (red, white, green or silver and gold); bamboo skewers; macaroni, ziti or other small pasta shapes (you may also use beads); craft glue; paint brush (fine); Pendant or bell hooks.

What to do:

1. With large needle, puncture both ends of each egg to be used. Blow out the contents of eggs then set aside in a safe place to dry out overnight.
2. Put a bamboo skewer through each egg, then dip egg in clear gloss and allow to dry completely (approximately 5 hours).
3. Glue a small hook onto the small end of the egg with very strong craft glue.
4. Glue the pasta pieces around the egg. Be creative in your designs, mix different pastas together, place in different directions, etc. Allow glue to dry completely.
5. Paint on the finishing designs with enamel paint or felt-tipped pens. For interesting effects, paint the egg one color, then paint over the rims of the macaroni with a different color.
6. Brush liquid plastic over unpainted macaroni for a glossy finish.
7. String ornaments through to hook to hang.

Christmas Soap Balls

What you need: Coarse sandpaper; Soap flakes; water; Food coloring (red, white and green).

What to do:

1. Mix soap flakes with 1/4 cup of water.
2. Knead mixture until well blended and stiff.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring while kneading until desired color and texture has been achieved.
4. Mold into 1- 2" balls.
5. Roll balls across sandpaper to give even texture all around.
6. Display near hand washing sinks in a decorative holiday bowl or saucer

Holiday Recipe Holder

What you need: 1 plastic cap (hairspray or spray paint cover); styrofoam ball (size to fit cover); glue gun/glue stick; Plastic fork; Spray paint (green or red); small sprigs of holly berry; 1 holiday recipe.

What to do:

1. Spray paint the fork and cover in color desired (contrasting colors creates a nice effect) Let dry completely.
2. Place the styrofoam ball inside the plastic cover. Cut to fit if necessary.
3. Push fork handle into center top of styrofoam ball. Remove fork and put a small amount of glue in hole where fork was. Replace fork immediately so it bonds with the glue. Do not put too much glue in hole as it may melt the styrofoam. You may want to just place some glue on the fork and reinsert it.
4. Place a small amount of glue on the stems of each holly berry sprig and press the stems into the styrofoam ball all around the fork.
5. Place the recipe you have selected between the tines of the fork so that the tines hold the recipe in place.

You may add a bow or some other holiday idea to the cover.

Snowman Ornament

What you need: From craft supply store; Packages of various size white thread Christmas bulbs, small black buttons, package of small strung lights (they are plastic and used for decorating small projects) scraps of material (Christmas motif).

What to do:

1. Glue smaller bulb/ball to a larger one.
2. Add 2 small black buttons for the eyes.
3. Cut off one of the orange, yellow or red bulbs from the strand and glue to the middle of small ball (top one).
4. Cut a small piece of material for a scarf and one for a hat.
5. Hot glue a ribbon to the back and voila snowman ornament. Great project for kids

Gingerbread House

What you need: 1 cup brown sugar (dark); 1-3/4 cups corn syrup (light); 8 cups un-sifted flour; 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon; 1-1/2 teaspoons ground ginger; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 3/4 cup margarine; Icing (recipe below); Variety of candies for decorating.

What to do:

1. Stir together cinnamon, ginger, flour and salt in a large bowl.
2. In 2 quart saucepan, stirring occasionally, heat corn syrup, brown sugar and margarine over medium heat until margarine is melted.
3. Stir into flour mixture until well blended. On waxed paper, form dough into oblong shape; cut into three equal parts. Do not refrigerate dough before rolling it out.

Icing:

Prepare icing just before decorating pieces. In large bowl with mixer at low speed, beat 1 pound confectioner's sugar, 3 egg whites and 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar until blended. Beat at high speed, scraping sides frequently, 7 to 10 minutes or until knife drawn through mixture leaves a path. Keep covered with damp cloth at all times.

Pattern Pieces: On lightweight cardboard, draw house pattern pieces. Place on board or several layers of newspaper and, using a ruler and mat knife, or single-edged razor blade in holder, cut out pattern pieces.

To Cut and pieces:

Line three 15-1/2 x 12 inch cookie sheets with foil, wrapping foil under edges. Place one-third of dough on each cookie sheet. (Place damp cloth under cookie sheets to prevent sliding.) Roll out each piece of dough to 14-1/2 x 11-1/2 inch rectangle. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Dust pattern pieces lightly with flour. Remove one cookie sheet of dough from refrigerator. Arrange pattern pieces for back, front and door on dough, leaving 1/2 inch between each piece. With sharp, pointed paring knife, using a ruler edge as a guide, carefully cut out each piece. Carefully remove patterns after cutting. Remove all excess dough and wrap in plastic wrap; set aside. Bake in 350° F oven 15 to 20 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Cool completely

before removing from foil. Remove second cookie sheet of dough from refrigerator. Cut 4 pieces 7 x 10", 2 for sides and 2 for roof. Arrange pattern pieces for one side of cottage and one roof piece on dough, leaving 1/2 inch between each piece. Carefully cut out each piece. Remove patterns and excess dough, saving dough as before. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Cool completely before removing from foil. Remove remaining cookie sheet of dough from refrigerator. Arrange patterns for second side of house, second roof piece, and shutters (cut 6) on dough, leaving 1/2 inch between each piece. Carefully cut out pieces. Remove patterns and excess dough. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Cool completely before removing from foil.

Extra Cookies: Re-roll extra dough on lightly floured surface to 1/16 inch thickness. Cut out cookies in desired shapes. Bake in 350 F oven 5 to 8 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheet and cool on wire rack.

To Decorate: Before assembling, decorate front, back, sides, shutters and door with candy, using icing to attach candies. Using plain icing tip and plastic bag, trim with icing. (Roof is decorated after house is assembled.) Attach shutters to both sides of all 3 windows by placing small amount of icing on undecorated side of shutter and position. Allow to dry completely.

Assemble House: Cover 13 x 13 inch heavy cardboard with foil. In center, draw 10 x 10 inch square to serve as guideline for base of house. Set aside. On back piece of house, spread icing along edge of one side and along bottom edge. On one side piece of house spread icing along inside edge of one side and bottom edge. Following pre-drawn guidelines, carefully stand back and side wall pieces on cardboard base, placing edge of back wall against inside edge of side wall. Spread extra icing on inside seams for extra strength. Back and side should stand alone. On other side piece of house, spread icing on inside edge of side that will form seam with back wall and bottom edge. Spread icing on edge of remaining side of back piece of house. Attach side piece to back and base following pre-drawn guidelines. Spread extra icing on inside seams. On front piece of house, spread icing on edges of both sides and along bottom edge. Spread icing on inside edges of sides of side walls. Attach front piece to sides. Spread extra icing on inside seams. Let set about 5 minutes. To attach roof, spread icing along top edges of front wall and front half of side walls. Place one roof piece on front of house; hold or prop in place about 7 minutes or until set. On roof pieces, spread icing along seam edges

where roof pieces will meet. Spread icing along top edges of back wall and side walls. Place remaining roof section on back of house so that roof pieces meet to form peak; hold or prop in place about 7 minutes or until set. Use icing to fill in any spaces along peak of roof. Decorate roof with candies as shown. Spread icing on back of door and attach to front of house

Yarn Doll Ornaments

What you need:

Scrap yarn in green and red; cotton balls

What to do:

1. Cut yarn into 16 pieces each of red and green yarn about 14" long each.
2. Make two bunches of each color and placed them lengthwise in pile. Tie each bunch in the center with yarn of same color.
3. Fold bunches in half at center.
4. For the dolls head, insert a cotton ball (1" in diameter) below the center fold of one bunch. Place the other bunch over it to cover other side of cotton ball. Tie all yarn together just below the cotton ball, adjust the yarn if necessary to cover cotton ball head.
5. Divide yarn below head into separate sections for man's arms and legs and tie off the ends at wrist and ankles. For woman, tie off at center for a waistline effect in contrasting colors.

Christ in Manger

Materials: 2 empty and clean soda cans; glue gun and sticks; dried autumn leaves, twigs and nuts.

Instruction :

1. To make the manger, crush the tin can making an indent in the middle for the infant. Make sure that it can lay level on the table top.
2. To make the infant, use the second tin can. Open them inside out and cut into strips. Form into a baby shape, cocoon style, using a small nut as the face.
3. To decorate manger, glue dried leaves and twigs on the sides. Lastly, glue the infant in the middle

Cross Stitch Ornaments

I like to make ornaments by cross stitching a small item. Then I coat the back of the stitching with a glue like Aleene's Tacky Glue. After that has thoroughly dried, I coat the front as well. When the item is completely dry, cut out the design, 1 block away from stitching. The glue makes the ornament stiff and shiny, and it protects the stitching from unraveling. Thread some gold thread through the top for a hanger and enjoy. I have some I made for my children 8 years ago that still look as good as new, with no cracking or yellowing.

Card Display Shutter

Materials: 1 old or new, wooden louver shutter; Paint, red or green or (color of choice); Paint sealer or Polyurethane; Set of hanging Christmas bells or large festive ribbon bow; hot glue gun and glue stick.

Directions:

1. Prepare shutter for painting. Sand it down and clean thoroughly if necessary. Treat wood before applying paint.
2. Paint entire shutter red, green or color(s) of choice. Allow to dry completely.
3. Apply sealant or Polyurethane and allow to dry completely.
4. Attach Christmas bells or festive ribbon bow to the top left or right (front) of shutter with glue. Secure with glue and allow to dry.
5. Insert Christmas cards through the slats so that the seams of the cards lie across the slat and the front of the cards are hanging down front of the shutter

Christmas Candy Tree

You will need some brightly wrapped sweets (the type which have the twists at either end), a coconut, a cup (brightly colored or with a Christmassy theme), a bow, cling-film and cello-tape.

Instruction:

Start by wrapping the coconut in cling-film, taping it securely in place. Place the coconut, tapered side down, into the cup and tape into place, making sure the coconut can not easily slide out - this can take some perseverance!

Place a piece of tape on the paper end of the sweet and tape to the coconut, hanging down over the edge of the cup. Do the same with more sweets until a row of sweets completely surrounds the base of the coconut. Repeat this but a little higher so the next layer overlaps the first layer, obscuring the coconut.

Continue building layers until the whole coconut is covered and the sweet papers meet at the top. To cover the final layer of sweet papers either loop some cello-tape and stick a sweet on the top or stick a bow to the top.

This looks fantastic, specially if you can convince people, when eating the candy, not to pull the papers off and instead to just untwist the bottom end of the candy leaving the paper in place.

As you can imagine you can create a number of patterns, different colored stripes around the coconut, or running up the coconut in swirls or, one year when my mum was feeling particularly creative, the initials of the person who was to receive it.

To Finish it off get a large square of cellophane and site the cup in the center. Gather the edges up over the top of the bow and tie with several colors of ribbon.

Christmas Log

What You Need: Three tree branches about 5" in diameter 10" long; drill; 1 taper candle (red, green or white); Glue gun/glue stick; 2 Small red velvet bows; 2 small plastic holly clusters with berries; small green ball ornaments; Spray snow (optional).

What to do:

Choose one of the tree branches and drill a circle in the center of one side (lengthwise), large enough to hold the taper candle.

Glue the other two logs together side by side for base. Glue the log with the hole on top of the other two logs (centered lengthwise with hole facing upward).

Put the taper candle into the hole.

Glue holly clusters with berries on both sides of the taper candle base, atop of the top log.

Insert green balls into each cluster or arrange as desired around candle base.

Glue bows in place on both sides of the logs.

(Optional) Slightly spray entire log centerpiece with spray snow.

Ribbon-Wrapped Ornaments

You will need:

Styrofoam ball

1/4" satin ribbon

Dressmaker pins

Christmas cording

Ribbon for a bow

Pearls, beads or other decorations

Hot glue

Take a large pen and poke a hole all the way through the center of the ball. Secure the ribbon with dressmaker pins at one end and basically just wrap the ribbon around the ball through the hole. At each end of the hole, I secured the ribbon with a pin. Then after you cover the whole ball, you can push some pretty cording through the hole and tie a knot at the bottom and make a bow or something like that at the top for a loop to hang on tree. I'm also gonna hot glue some iridescent pearls on some of them.

SNOWMAN #1

You will need:

2 Liter plastic soda bottle
White and black acrylic paint
Sponge brush
Fine grain sand paper
Red and black felt
Pipe cleaners - Christmas colors
Craft glue
Plastic spray can lid (spray starch, or similar size)
Plastic tub lid (butter tub or similar size)

Sand the surface of the bottle, spray can lid and tub lid. This will allow the acrylic paint to adhere to the surface.

Paint the spray can lid and tub lid black. Paint the bottle white. Allow to dry.

Cover the top and sides of the spray can lid and the top of the tub lid with black felt. Since you've painted them black, you don't need to be too precise with the felt. Center, and glue the spray can lid to the tub lid. You now have your snowman's hat. When the glue has dried, turn the hat over and cut a small hole in the bottom with an exacto knife. Make the hole a little smaller than the circumference of the top of the hat.

Fill the bottle about halfway with pebbles, sand or dirt. This will help keep your snowman from falling over.

Cut a strip of red felt about 2 feet long and 1" - 1 1/2" wide. (If your felt came in 12" squares, just cut two strips and glue the ends together. Tie this around the bottle, about 3-4" down from the top. Secure with a dab of glue.

Make earmuffs using 3 pipe cleaners. Two of them will be coiled to make the actual "muffs". The third will be the band attaching them. (Attach the pipe cleaners by twisting the ends together.) Drape the earmuffs across the back/top of the bottle. Secure with craft glue.

Attach the hat to the bottle by running a bit of glue around the inside of the hole and then place the hat over the top of the lid. Decorate the hat with a pipe cleaner.

Draw a face using a black marking pen or black paint. Draw buttons under the scarf, or glue on black felt circles.

SNOWMAN #2

You will need:

Liter plastic soda bottle
Sand, dirt or pebbles
2-3" diameter styrofoam ball
White and black acrylic paint
Sponge brush
Fine grain sand paper
Black felt
Black buttons
Christmas ribbon
Craft glue
Plastic spray can lid (spray starch, or similar size)
Plastic tub lid (butter tub or similar size)

Same as #1-4 above.

Remove the lid from the bottle and squish the styrofoam ball down onto it. If you need to, you can carve out the hole, using scissors or a sharp knife.

Tie a long piece of ribbon around the snowman's neck.

Tie a shorter piece of the same ribbon around the top hat.

Attach the hat to the head as above.

Glue buttons to the styrofoam to make the snowman's face.

Cut small circles of black felt and glue them onto the snowman's belly.

Cinnamon Dough Ornaments

1 cup cinnamon
1 tbsp. ground cloves
1 tbsp. nutmeg
1 tbsp. allspice
1 tbsp ginger
3/4 c. applesauce

In medium bowl, combine cinnamon, cloves, allspice, ginger & nutmeg. Add applesauce, stir to combine.

Work mixture with hands 2 to 3 minutes or until dough is smooth and ingredients are thoroughly mixed.

Roll out dough to 1/4 inch thickness.

Cut dough with cookie cutters.

Using straw or pencil, make small hole in top of ornament.

Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet at 150 degrees for 1 hour

Remove from the cookie sheet and bake on the oven racks for another hour and a half.

Use these ornaments to decorate gifts, hang on tree, etc

Ribbon Poinsettia Ornament

MATERIALS (for one)

11/2 yds. of 11/2" wide wire-edge taffeta ribbon with gold metallic edge

9" of 11/2" wide wire-edge gold ribbon

4mm gold beads

Wire

Hot glue gun

DIRECTIONS

1. To form inner petals, cut 3-6" lengths of wire-edge taffeta ribbon. Cut the ends of each length into a sharp point. Pinch the lengths at the center and wire the three lengths together. Shape petals into a circle.
2. To form the outer petals, cut 4-8" lengths of wire-edge taffeta ribbon. Cut the ends of each length into a sharp point. Pinch the lengths at the center and wire them onto the inner petals. Shape petals into a circle.
3. To form the leaf, cut the ends of the wire-edge gold ribbon into a sharp point. Pinch at the center and wire onto the back of the outer petals.
4. Place a dime-size puddle of glue in the center of the ribbon poinsettia. Sprinkle with gold beads and pat down to hold. Shake off excess beads

Candy Wreath

Make a wreath using hard, wrapped candies, ribbon, and a hanger! A fun decoration that you can eat.

Materials Needed:

Wire Hanger

About 35 Wrapped Candies

Curling Ribbon

Instructions:

Straighten the hanger and then cut it in half using wire cutters (only 1 half will be used). Bend one of the pieces of hanger into a circle shape. Twist one end around the other to secure, leaving about 3-inches of one of the ends free. Bend that end over to form a small circle or hook for hanging. Use a pair of pliers if necessary. If needed you can also use some duct tape to help secure the ends together.

Once you have the wreath base made, you can add the candy! You can use any kind of wrapped candy you like, anything from traditional peppermint rounds to suckers. About 35 of them will fill your hanger nicely, but this number can vary quite a bit from person to person because of how close they are tied together.

Cut the curling ribbon into 8-inch pieces. Take 1 piece of candy and tie it to the center of a piece of ribbon. Then, use the ribbon to tie the candy tightly onto the wreath. You can either cut off the extra ribbon or leave it. The ends can be curled to add a nice touch to your wreath. Continue this process until you have the wreath as full of candy as you like.

Hang your wreath and keep a pair of scissors nearby to share the candy with visitors!

Fast Food Toy Wreath

30 - 50 small toys from fast food chains (30-50 does 1 wreath)

Wreath

Big bow to put on top or ribbon to make your own bow

Twine or wire

Scissors or wire cutters

Instructions:

Step 1: Put the wreath on a table along with the toys and ribbon.

Step 2: Cut off a piece of twine or wire long enough to go around the wreath atleast once.

Step 3: Place a toy on the wreath where you want it to be.

Step 4: Take the wire and wrap it around the toy and the wreath and twist it.

Step 5: Repeat for however many toys you have.

Step 6: Put your bow on top and it's done!

Garland Christmas Wreath

Materials Needed:

2 Paper Plates

Stapler

Garland

Tape

Glue

Ribbon

Instructions:

Cut the center out of both paper plates. Hold the paper plates so the edges line up and the bottom parts face out. Staple around the edges to hold the paper plates together.

You can use whatever color garland you want. It should be at least 4 feet long, but longer is better! Tape one end of the garland so it is tucked inside the middle gap in the paper plates. Start wrapping the garland around the circle formed by the paper plates. You want to cover the plates completely. When you get back to where you started, put a blob of glue on the end of the garland and tuck it carefully inside the middle gap of the paper plates. Fluff out the garland.

Tie a ribbon into a bow and glue it onto your wreath. You can also decorate it with light-weight mini ornaments, candy canes, or shapes cut out of scrap fabric or construction paper.

Pine Cone Wreath

Materials Needed:

8 Pine Cones (approximate)
Wire Coat Hanger
Duct Tape
Items to decorate your wreath
Glue

Instructions:

Cut the wire coat hanger in half and form it into a circle. Wind the two ends together. I then secured the ends and covered the entire circle with duct tape. This held it together better and gave the pine cones a better surface to stick to!

Once you have your circle formed, glue on the pine cones (a hot glue gun worked best for me). Decorate as desired. I added a ribbon and holly made out of crafting Foam. I added red beads for the holly berries.

If you want a larger wreath, just don't cut the wire hanger in half! :-)

Baroque Madonnas and Figures

1 large sheet of poster board or styrofoam cones, 10" tall with a 4" base. One large sheet makes 6 cones.

Styrofoam eggs for the heads, 2 1/2"

Wire coat hanger, 1 will make 2 figures

Good quality paper towel, torn into strips

Masking or drawing tape

Stapler

Glue gun

Thick starch -- see recipe below

Gold, clear, white or glitter spray paint(Be sure you can use it on styrofoam)

Clothespins or hair clips

Scraps of yarn

String

Lace

Paper doilies

Cotton

Old earrings, buttons, trims, etc.

Old sheets, coarse fabrics like muslin or fancy brocades, satins velvets

Paints for faces and hands (optional)

Instructions:

Measure and cut and/or tear the following: From the poster board cut 1 circle with a radius of 10" to 12". For the Madonnas or angels, pure cotton fabrics of fairly fine texture are the best especially for the sleeve and veil. However, soft satins and cotton velvet, or corduroy can also be used. Too much synthetic fiber makes it resistant to absorbing the starch. For the sleeves, 2 pieces 4" by 30". For the cloak a piece 15 by 30" for the taller figure, shorten 2" for shorter figure. For the veil cut a piece 8" square. TIP: If you make several figures, it is better to do it assembly line style.

1. Cut the circles, and divide into thirds. Form each third into a cone with overlapping bottoms generously, and closing the tip to a point. Staple firmly in place.

2. Cut the coat hangers with wire cutters: Cut about 8" from the center of the top, clip the hook just above the twisted wires. Fold the long piece in the center, twist the two wires several times and then clip the loop. You may have to tape them so they stay fixed. Bend the ends into small loops for the hands.

3. Make a slit on the top of the cones and place the wire armature with the wires up. Use the masking tape to firmly secure them. Bend the arms into a soft angle at the elbow bringing the hands together but not touching. The can be adjusted later, but for draping the fabric it is easier if they are already shaped.

4. Forming the hands - You may use several options and your own creativity. a) Fill the loop with cotton or a small wad of paper towel soaked in the starch and with small strips of soaked paper towel, wrap them and smooth them to just beyond the "wrists". b) Roll or twist the towel into tiny rolls, five for each hand and then wrap them onto the wire loop in the shape of fingers and thumb. Use more strips over the back and palm of the hand to make them realistic.

5. If you opt to detail the hands it is better to do the head in the same fashion. Cover the styrofoam egg with a layer of paper towels saturated with starch. From the nose and brows using layers, then cover with a single layer of toweling. If you choose to keep the faces simple, it is still a good idea to cover it with a number of layers of paper toweling to prevent the styrofoam from distortion when it is spray painted. At this point you can attach the hair. The Madonna only needs a bit on the front to show from under her veil. Angels and other figures can have more, or just a fringe. For beards use acrylic batting or cotton wool. If you plan to color the features, be sure the surfaces are dry. Acrylic paint is a good choice as it is water soluble when wet but dries waterproof.

6. Place the 2 sleeve strips in the starch solution (diluted until it is just like egg white). On one long edge fold under about 1/4" and smooth closed. With the folded side towards the front, wrap one loop around the lower arm right at the and, securing the raw edge under the overlap. Make about 3 loops of the sleeve, one larger than the other, and work up the arm. Wrap the excess around the neck and shoulders to create some padding and shape. Arrange carefully, but show generous folds and wrinkles. Do the second arm in the same way, try to make them symmetrical. At this point you can embellish with bits of lace or doilies around the wrists.

7. Fold the fabric for the cloak in 4, snip the center, just barely. Soak the fabric in the starch. Fold up the hems on all four edges. Place the slit over the wire and tuck around under the arms, bringing the front under the side, and the back a bit forward, letting the bottoms buckle and fold. The back section can roll at the ground. At the shoulders, tuck under a fold and then arrange down the arms to the sleeves.

Finish the neck edge with a piece of lace or a doilie to form a collar.

8. Attach the head. Poke the wires into the underside of the head about 1/3 of the way up. Set the head with an "expression" of adoration or prayer.

9. Place the veil pieces in the starch solution, folding up the hems. You can also trim the front edge, or all edges with lace, etc. Place on the figure's head on the bias or straight. You can also fold back a bit, shape, and drape.

10. Allow the figures to dry thoroughly, which, depending on conditions may take up to 3 days.

11. For angels, cut halos and wings from coarse tulle, or a sheer fabric. Draw your own pattern for the wings. Using glue gun, attach to the back between the shoulders, just below the head. If desired, you can pinch the wings together just above the tail. Secure firmly with glue. Attach the halos with glue; setting with your own option of whether on the back of the head or on top.

12. Give the figures a very light coat of clear spray. If you used colored fabric that you don't want to cover, then spray thoroughly with clear to seal the surfaces. Then with a glitter spray or sprinkle if desired. Keep in mind that several light coats are better than heavy. This is achieved by using even strokes about 8-10 inches from the subject. Only use closer spraying to get deeper into the folds. Otherwise it drips and sags. If you want to spray the madonnas gold, spray after the clear has dried.

TIPS: For the final touch, once the first 2-3 coats are dry, get in close and put it on thick. The thicker the last coats are, the richer they look. For a "porcelain" look, use off white paint. A small "bundle" can be made for her to hold, but put this together before you spray.

The Three Wise Men can be created using rich brocades, satins, velvets, cords, jewels etc. They can be carrying the gifts-- gold, frankincense and myrrh.

STARCH RECIPE: Use heavy laundry starch if available, or use the following recipe: 1 cup cornstarch or potato starch, 1 cup cold water, 2 qt. boiling water. Combine the first two ingredients in a large kettle stirring well. Pour boiling water over, stirring constantly, mix until smooth over a medium fire. Bring to a boil, stirring until it boils and

thickens, and becomes clear. Cover and cool. Dilute about 50/50 or less to use. Keep refrigerated in a tightly closed container

Children in Stockings Craft

Materials Needed:

18 x 12 inch designed print fabric
18 x 12 inch colored fabric (wine or olive-green)
20 x 12 inch white or skin-color fabric
Christmas-decorated ribbon 2" wide (long enough for the front top edge of the stocking)
stuffing
thread and needle (optional)
all purpose adhesive (UHU)
yarn for the hair (yellow - light brown or brown)
one pair of wiggly eyes
a two inches long piece of velcro
markers or pieces of yarn
blush
ribbon (for girls piggy tails or braids)

Instructions:

First, trace a stocking shape on the designed fabric and on the colored fabric (wine can be used for girls and olive green for boys or both pieces of the stocking can be made in the same fabric). Now, cut out. Next, put the two pieces together inside parts facing out. Now, sew or glue together along the edges except for the top (which is the opening). Once ready, fold about one inch from the opening and sew or glue again. Finally, turn the stocking inside-out. You should have the designed print fabric on the front with the top edges of the opening facing the inside. On the front top edge glue or sew the Christmas decorated ribbon. That's the stocking!

Now for the children doll:

First, fold the white or skin- color fabric in two, leaving the inside out. Next, trace the shape of the head with neck. (Just a circle with a thick neck) And trace two hands with wrists, without fingers or thumb (it's simpler). Now, cut out. Make sure you cut the fabric keeping it folded. You can use pins so it won't move. Next, sew or glue along the edges leaving the neck of the head open and the wrists of the hands opened, too. Now, turn them inside-out, and fill them with the stuffing.(Make them soft but not too full).

You are now ready to work on the head. Begin with the hair. Use the yarn and decide if you'll have short boy's hair or long girl's hair. Now, fold the yarn several times, keeping the same length, until it's as thick as you want the hair (or piggy-tails). Tie in the middle and cut the

edges. Glue or sew the middle part of the hair to the top center of the head. Arrange the hair as desired (make piggy tails or braids) and glue or sew where needed so it will look nice. Now, place the wiggly eyes where you want them and glue them carefully. Next, either use markers to draw nose and mouth, or use a small piece of yarn to form nose and mouth and glue them there. Last, use the blush to color the cheeks (do it lightly) and you can use the marker to give it freckles.

Finally, sew or glue the neck to the inside part of the stocking on the colored fabric. And sew or glue the wrists to the inside part of the stocking on the designed fabric. (Arrange them so they seem to be to the sides of the head). Fold the hands forward and glue them to the front of the stocking so they won't move. You can use a piece of velcro to close the stocking (it may open because of the hands' weight revealing the doll's neck).

Puzzle Wreath Christmas Decoration

36 puzzle pieces from a used jigsaw puzzle
green high gloss acrylic or lacquer spray paint
small jar of high gloss red acrylic paint
small round paint brush
newspaper
glue
red ribbon
gold braid string

Lay out the puzzle pieces on newspaper.

Spray paint the pieces with the green paint - apply 3 coats allowing each coat to dry the prescribed time listed on the can.

Next lay out a ring of 9 pieces (painted side up) making sure that each piece is touching the other then make another layer gluing 9 pieces on top of the first nine staggering them so that each top piece is overlapping two of the bottom pieces.

Continue the process until there are 4 layers of 9 pieces. Allow the construction to dry overnight (if you are using a glue gun you can continue with next step after the glue has cooled)

With your red paint, dab three little dots of color in bunches around the wreath to make it appear that the wreath has berries.

Attach red ribbon with glue

tie gold string to top of ornament and hang

MINIATURE GIFT PAILS

Clean and dry empty soup cans. Punch two holes opposite each other, about 1/2" from the open edge. "Corkscrew" one half of an 18" piece of wire (wrap it around a pencil). Insert the ends of the wire into the punched holes. Spray paint the cans red or green. When dry, use Elmer's glue to glue on a Christmas image cut out from fabric. Fill with small toys and candy.

NAPKIN RINGS

Cut paper towel tube into widths to match the width of Christmas ribbon. Wrap ribbon (or felt) around tube and glue in place. Add smaller ribbon trim (strung sequins or 1/4" solid ribbon) to outside edges, or a Christmas card cutout to center of felt.

RIBBON ORNAMENT

Fold a 4-6" length of 1 1/2" Christmas ribbon and staple at top with a tree hanger or silver or gold ornament string. Inside the ribbon loop, insert a piece of colorful tinsel. Glue a small figure over staple (with more tinsel).

PINECONE CORSAGE

Glitter "paint" three small pinecones. Use small wire to wire them together. Center the pinecones on a 4-6" diameter paper doily, scrunch the doily so it "waves" as a background to the pinecones, and pinch out a portion of the center of the doily. Add scotch tape to build a longer 1-2" extension to the pinched doily, so it can be pinned on a blouse or coat. More colorful decoration can be added behind the pinecones (ribbon, tinsel).

CHOCOLATE SPOON TOPPERS

Place about 2 ounces of chopped dark, semisweet, milk, or white chocolate or candy coating in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 1-2 minutes, stirring once or twice, until melted. Dip the "bowl" end of colored plastic spoons into the melted chocolate, then quickly sprinkle with multi-colored "sprinkles" candies. Place on wax paper until set. Two ounces makes about 8-10 spoons. Wrap single or sets of spoons in cellophane paper and tie off with a ribbon. (Spoons placed in hot drinks make a sumptuous treat, or tape the spoon on a gift instead of a ribbon!)

SNOWMAN WRAPPING PAPER

Use corks of different sizes dipped in white paint to applique snowman figures on unpatterned gift wrap. When dried, use black and orange marker pens to add features: eyes, hat, carrot nose, coal buttons, stick arms, etc.

SNOWFLAKE WRAPPING PAPER

First, cut a piece of unpatterned gift paper to size for a gift. Then cut out snowflakes from construction paper. Lay the snowflakes on the gift paper. Use a sponge to apply paint over the snowflakes. When dry, lift the snowflakes off and the snowflake patterns remain - unpainted!

GUMDROP TREES

You will need a 6-8" tall styrofoam tree, a couple bags of red and green gumdrops, some u-shaped hair pins, toothpicks, and a miniature string of beads. Cut toothpicks in half. Insert a toothpick into the larger (bottom) side of the gumdrops. Starting at the bottom, stick the free end of the toothpick (with gumdrops already on) into the tree. Continue until the tree is covered. (Alternate method: glue gumdrops onto tree form.) Attach the beaded string in a "loose" fashion, fastening it to the styrofoam with the hair pins. Finally, hot glue a miniature star or angel to the top.

Candle 1

Red Velvet Wrapped Pillars- This will make two candles.

You will need two squares of white or vanilla colorless beeswax (Beeswax only comes in one size squares.)

Wicks, your best bet is to buy a large roll(24-36in) not only is it more affordable but you have extra...just in case.

Either a roll of red velvet ribbon or two nine inch long strips. You will also need a pair of shears and glue, any type of glue will work.

Work on a large, flat surface like your kitchen table.

Set the squares diagonally in front of you, you must roll the candle diagonally to create a pillar shape. Cut the wicks the same length as the wax then tuck the wax over the wick and gently roll it up. Be careful not to push down too hard or your wax will stick to the surface. Follow steps to complete the second candle. If you have trouble getting them to stand-gently push on the bottoms until they are flat. Now simply wind the red velvet around the candle, use just a dab of glue to seal it to the candle at either end. You're done! Feel free to use different colored ribbons or materials to make a variety of gift candles.

Candle 2

Silver Studded Rounds- This will make two candles.

You will need two squares of dark green beeswax, wicks of course and a box of silver headed pins. Make sure you have a flat work surface and set the squares in front of you. Now fold each in half evenly and break-only lengthwise! Cut wick and place inside edge of wax and gently roll up. Push carefully on candle bottoms if they're not flat. Evenly place a circle of pins around the top of the candle and again along the bottom. You could also use gold pins or make different patterns using both gold and silver pins.

If you're giving them as gifts, try topping them off with colored raffia ribbons, you could also glue together a small holly berry wreath to make a base for your candles. Please remove all decoration before lighting your candles and remind your gift recipients to do so as well.

Patchwork Christmas Tree Skirt.

You will need to purchase the following things for your tree skirt.

- 1 7/8 yards of fabric (ruffle, ties and patches)
- 1 7/8 yards of fabric (back and patches)
- 2/3 yard of a solid color fabric (patches)
- 2/3 yard of a contrasting print fabric (patches)
- 1 1/4 yards of ultra loft batting
- embroidery floss, yarn or ribbon to tie your tree skirt

If you want a fancier tree skirt, you can also purchase lace to be added to the top of the ruffle. Also be sure to wash, dry and press all of your fabrics before starting your project.

From the fabric that you have chosen for your ruffle, cut 5 strips, 45 x 7 inches. Cut 1 strip, 45 x 4 inches. Cut the remaining fabric into 15 6 x 6 inch squares. With the backing fabric, cut a 44 inch square. Cut the remaining piece of this fabric into 15 6 x 6 inch squares. From the two remaining fabrics, cut 15 6 x 6 inch squares each. All total, you will have 60 squares, 15 of each color.

Now on a large surface, lay out a row of 6 squares, alternating the colors. Below the first row lay out six rows of 8 squares, then finish off with a row of 6 squares. You will now have an eight row square that is missing the corners. Also be sure that your blocks are alternated in a pattern that is running diagonally.

You are now going to join your squares together using a 1/4 inch seam allowance. First join the squares into rows, then join the rows together. Be sure to press after each step, this makes for much neater and professional looking work. Plus if you press the seams in the first row one way, and the seams in the second row the other way, this will make matching your seams much easier. Since the seams are each going in opposite directions, they will actually interlock, making pinning much easier. Plus your seams will line up perfectly every time.

After you have all of your blocks sewn together, fold your completed large square into quarters, edges matching and right sides together. Pin the edges and the fold of this piece. With a yard stick and a pencil, place the end of the yard stick in the folded corner. Hold the pencil at the 22 inch point and draw a quarter circle on your folded piece. (This will give you a circular shape to your tree skirt) Also from the same pivot point, draw a quarter circle at the 3 inch point. (This will give you

the opening for the trunk in your tree skirt) Now, cut out your tree skirt, leaving it folded still. With your backing piece of fabric, fold this in the same manner, and lay your cut tree skirt on top of the backing piece. Using the patchwork piece for a pattern, cut out your back.

On the patchwork piece, carefully open up one straight seam to make the opening in your tree skirt. You will now need to stay stitch around the entire patchwork tree skirt, just to make sure that none of your stitching pulls out. On the backing piece you will need to cut from the outside edge to the center circle, again making an opening in your tree skirt.

Using the backing piece for a pattern, you will need to cut your batting. Simply lay the backing on top of the batting and cut. Also cut the same opening slash in the batting.

To make your ruffle, join the 5 strips into one long strip, sewing the seams right sides together. Press. With the wrong sides together, fold this entire strip in half lengthwise, and press. With a zigzag stitch on your sewing machine, sew over a heavy string on the raw edge of the ruffle piece. Just be sure that you do not catch the string in the stitches. Take your tie piece, and sewing right sides together, lengthwise, sew across the short end, down the long side and across the short end at the opposite end. Cut this piece in half, and turn it right side out, press.

Next, you are going to pin your ruffle to your patchwork skirt top. With the folded edge of the ruffle inward, and the raw edges even, start pinning the edge of the ruffle to the outside curve of the skirt. You will be starting this 1/4 inch away from the slit in the skirt. Gather the ruffle by simply pulling on the string, be sure that your gathers are even. If you would like to add lace to your skirt, this is the step in which you will do that. Just place the lace in the same manner that you are placing the ruffle, but place the lace between the ruffle and the skirt itself.

Pin the tie pieces on each side of the small circle, 1/4 inch below the opening. Baste your ruffle to your patchwork piece.

Pin your tie ends into the center of the skirt to keep from catching them in your seams. Pin the skirt top to the back, right sides together and raw edges even. Lay the batting on top of the backing. Stitch through all of the layers, leaving a space of about 8 inches on one of the straight seams for turning. After sewing, turn your skirt right side

out, and slip stitch your opening closed.

Lastly tie your skirt by using the embroidery floss, yarn or ribbon. This will tie all of the layers together, simply using a heavy needle, start on the front. Take a stitch down through all of the layers, come back up through all the layers, just about a 1/8 inch away, and tie a bow or a knot. The best place to do this is in the corners where the squares are joined.

That is it! Once you see how quick and easy these are to make, you will not only be making them for yourself, but as gifts for family and friends.

Elegant Centerpiece

You will need:

1 full length mirror, with or without gold frame. (These are available at any discount store for around \$10.)

1-2 Boxes of rock salt.

Assorted white candles, several of varying height and width. Be sure to include several white votive candles.

2 Boxes of 12 each medium sized round Christmas ornaments, one box of silver and one of gold.

1 Box of small gold or silver miniature round Christmas ornaments.

1 Spool of gold or silver wired craft ribbon.

1 Bunch of gold silk poinsettias.

Place mirror in center of table. Arrange pillars and votives on top of mirror beginning in the center with the largest candles and working out, scattering votive candles among the larger candles. Try to achieve a relaxed pattern, not a perfect staggering of heights. Now, pour the rock salt on the mirror. Don't cover the entire base of the mirror.

Mound salt around candles and make a free form design around the edges of the mirror. Wrap wire ribbon around a few, not all, of the larger pillar candles and tie into a loose bow. Continuing in a random fashion, pull the poinsettia bloom off of the bush and nestle the flowers down into the salt at the base of the candles. Try not to surround every single pillar, and don't cover your votive candles. Finally, scatter the gold and silver christmas ornaments up and down the mirror, making interesting little nests, they look especially nice in nests of three.

Now light your candles, stand back, and admire your creation. The mirror will reflect the salt and candlelight, which appears to be a glistening field of ice and snow. Your friends and family will love it!

Note: To achieve a country look, simply use red and green ornaments with red, white, and green candles. Use raffia to wrap your candles. You could also scatter a few small pinecones and cinnamon sticks around as accents.

Christmas Gift Balloon

The following items would be placed inside of a Quality Latex Gift Balloon.

Small Ornaments

Santa Figurine

Gift Certificate

Small Box of Chocolates

One Red carnation

One Green carnation

This makes a unique, great gift and serves as a conversational piece.

Christmas Survival Kit

Tylenol - to take away the headache of overdoing

Tea - To calm, relax, and soothe away the tension

Peppermints - to settle the tummy from overindulging

Slimfast - to kick off the diet you will need to start

Pocket date book - to track all of the must do's

Cassette tape or CD - soothing quiet music to listen to while wrapping gifts

Tape - to use to wrap the gifts because you forgot to buy any

A package of gift tags that you made

Quick easy yummy everyone will love cookie recipe

Bath oil or bubble bath to soothe the weary body

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET

Fill a decorative Christmas box or tin with:

assorted home-baked cookies ~ assorted chocolates ~ Christmas ornaments

(better if you made them yourself)~ pre-recorded Christmas music ~ tuck in some candy canes or

foil wrapped chocolate Santas for a finishing touch

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET 2

Hot apple cider mix

Large mugs

Home made christmas ornament

A letter saying why you love Christmas

Matching mittens, hat and scarf

Some mistletoe

Christmas music CD

Home made Christmas cookies - with the recipe included

CHRISTMAS DECORATING GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

Nativity set ~ assorted Christmas ornaments (store bought or handmade by you)~ decorative lights ~ candles

The following are great "Gifts In A Jar" that your friends and family are sure to enjoy this Christmas season.

Many of the recipes are designed to fit in a standard 1-quart canning jar. Many ask how long these will keep. I have kept some in my pantry for up to 9 months with no problem other than the brown sugar turning rockhard and having to be ice-picked out. Dry ingredients will not mold if the jars are closed--no need to keep them refrigerated. However, most make-a-mix cookbooks suggest that you use their mixes within three months, and I think that is a good rule of thumb even if there is no shortening in the mix.

APPLESAUCE COOKIE MIX

1 cup brown sugar
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 cup raisins
3/4 cup chopped nuts

Instructions:

1. Combine flour, salt, cinnamon and baking soda - stir well. Place flour mixture in a clean mason jar. Pack down tight so everything will fit in the jar. (Use a spoon or a mallet.) Add other ingredients, one item at a time, packing each layer down.
2. Put the lid on the jar and tie a ribbon around the lid. You can add a personalized label, if you wish. As an added touch, tie a wooden spoon to the lid with a piece of ribbon.
3. Recipe to attach to Jar:
Whip 3/4 cup of butter or shortening until light and fluffy. Add 1 egg and 1/2 cup applesauce and beat until mixed. Stir in the ingredients from this jar until well combined. Drop teaspoons of dough on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 8 - 12 minutes at 350 degrees F. Share with a friend.

CHOCOLATE COOKIE MIX

1 1/2 cups white sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Instructions:

1. Combine flour, salt, and baking soda - stir well. Place flour mixture in a clean mason jar. Pack down tight so everything will fit in the jar. (Use a spoon or a mallet.) Add other ingredients, one item at a time, packing each layer down.
2. Put the lid on the jar and tie a ribbon around the lid. You can add a personalized label, if you wish. As an added touch, tie a wooden spoon to the lid with a piece of ribbon.
3. Recipe to attach to Jar:
Whip 1 1/4 cup of butter or shortening until light and fluffy. Add 2 eggs and 1 tsp. vanilla and beat until mixed. Stir in the ingredients from this jar until well combined. Drop teaspoons of dough on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 8 minutes at 350 degrees F. Share with a friend.

CORNFLAKE COOKIE MIX

1 1/4 cups white sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 1/2 cups coconut
1 1/2 cups corn flake cereal

Instructions:

1. Place sugar and salt in a clean mason jar. Pack down tight so everything will fit in the jar. (Use a spoon or a mallet.) Add other ingredients, one item at a time, packing each layer down (put cornflakes in last and don't crunch them down!).
2. Put the lid on the jar and tie a ribbon around the lid. You can add a personalized label, if you wish. As an added touch, tie a wooden spoon to the lid with a piece of ribbon.
3. Recipe to attach to Jar:
Whip 3 egg whites until stiff. Add 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract. Stir in the ingredients from this jar until well combined. Drop teaspoons of dough on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes at 325 degrees F. Share with a friend.

CHUNKY CHOCOLATE COOKIE MIX

3/4 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup cocoa powder{ clean inside of jar with dry paper towel after this layer}
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 cup jumbo chocolate chip morsels
1 3/4 cups flour mixed with
1 tsp. baking soda,
1 tsp. baking powder and
1/4 tsp. salt

Layer ingredients in order in a 1 quart wide mouth canning jar. Make sure you pack all down firmly before adding the flour mixture it will be a tight fit.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

- 1.} Empty jar of cookie mix into a large mixing bowl. Use your hands to thoroughly blend mix.
- 2.} Add: 1 1/2 sticks butter or margarine softened at room temp.
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
- 3.} Mix until completely blended. The dough is sticky. you will need to finish mixing with your hands.
- 4.} Shape into walnut size balls and place 2" inches apart on parchment lined baking sheets, DO NOT USE WAXED PAPER
- 5.} Bake at 350* for 11 to 13 minutes . Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet. Remove to racks to finish cooling. Makes 3 dozen cookies

CHOCOLATE AND BUTTERSCOTCH COOKIE MIX

Ingredients

9 cups all-purpose flour
4 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons salt
3 cups packed brown sugar
3 cups white sugar
4 cups shortening
8 cups semisweet chocolate chips
4 cups butterscotch chips

Directions

1-In your largest bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda, salt, brown sugar, and white sugar. Add the shortening and stir until mixture is mealy. Lightly stir in the chocolate chips and butterscotch chips until they are distributed evenly.

Place 4 cups of the master mix into each 1 quart jar.

Attach the following directions to the jar:

Preheat oven to 375° F (190° C).

In a medium bowl, beat 2 eggs and 1 teaspoon of vanilla until well blended. Add entire contents of the jar to the bowl, stir until combined. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 10 to 12 minutes. This recipe makes about 2 dozen.

~Makes 6 jars of cookiemix~

COCOA PECAN COOKIE MIX

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup cocoa power
1 cup chopped pecans
1 - 3/4 cups flour mixed with 1 teaspoon baking soda

Directions:

Layer ingredients in order given in a 1 quart wide-mouth canning jar. It is important to wipe the inside of the jar with a paper towel after adding cocoa powder layer. Press firmly in place before adding next ingredient.

Instructions to attach to jar:

Cocoa Pecan Cookies Mix in a Jar

Empty jar of cookie mix into large mixing bowl. Use hands to blend mix. Add 1 stick of softened butter, 1 slightly beaten egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix until completely blended. You will need to finish by mixing with your hands. Shape balls into the size of walnuts. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 11 to 13 minutes on baking sheet. Remove to racks for cooling.

CHOCOLATE COVERED RAISIN COOKIE MIX

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1 cup chocolate covered raisins

1/2 cup milk chocolate chips

1-3/4 cups flour mixed with 1 tsp. baking powder and 1 tsp. salt

Layer ingredients in jar in order given. Press each layer firmly in place before adding next ingredient.

Recipe to attach to jar:

Empty cookie mix in large mixing bowl; stir to combine. Add 1/2 cup softened butter, 2 eggs slightly beaten and 1 tsp. vanilla; mix until completely blended. Roll heaping tablespoonfuls into balls. Place 2 inches apart on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for 13 to 15 minutes until tops are very lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes on cookie sheet; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Yield: 2-1/2 dozen.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE MIX

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup packed brown sugar
2-1/4 cups flour mixed with 1 tsp. baking soda and 1/4 tsp. salt

Layer ingredients in jar in order given. Press each layer firmly in place before adding next ingredient.

Recipe to attach to jar:

Empty cookie mix in large mixing bowl; stir to combine. Add 3/4 cup softened butter, 2 eggs slightly beaten and 1 tsp. vanilla; mix until completely blended. Roll heaping tablespoonfuls into balls. Place 2 inches apart on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 13 to 15 minutes. Cool 10 minutes on baking sheet. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. These cookies will firm up when completely cooled. Yield: 3 dozen.

COWBOY COOKIE MIX

1 1/3 cups quick oats
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 cup chocolate chips
1 1/3 cups flour mixed with 1 tsp baking powder, 1 tsp baking soda
and 1/4 tsp salt.

Layer ingredients in order given in a 1 quart wide mouth canning jar.
press each layer firmly in place before adding next ingredient.

Recipe to attach to jar:

1. empty jar of cookie mix into a large mixing bowl, blend mix together
2. add:
 - 1 stick butter melted
 - 1 egg slightly beaten
 - 1 tsp vanilla
3. mix until completely blended
4. shape into balls the size of walnuts place 2 inches apart on sprayed baking sheets
5. bake at 350 degrees for 11 to 13 minutes until edges are lightly browned . cool 5 minutes on baking sheet. remove cookies to racks to finish cooling. makes 3 dozen cookies.

CANDY COOKIE MIX

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp. powdered vanilla
1 tsp. baking soda
2 cups flour

Layer ingredients in a jar.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Candy Cookies

Makes 3 dozen cookies

1 cup unsalted butter or margarine, softened

1 large egg

1 package Candy Cookie Mix

1 cup candy bar chunks (Reese's peanut butter cups, Butterfinger bars, white or milk chocolate chunks)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In the large bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter until it is smooth. Add the egg, and continue beating until the egg is combined. Add the Candy Cookie Mix and candy bar chunks and blend on low just until the cookie mix is incorporated.

Form the cookies into 1 1/2-inch balls & place them 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until golden on the edges. Remove from oven, and cool on cookie sheet for 2 minutes.

CRANBERRY HOOTIES

1/2 cup plus 2 tbs. flour
1/2 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup flour mixed with 1/2 tsp. baking soda and 1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup plus 1 tbs. packed brown sugar
1/3 cup white sugar
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup pecans

Layer the ingredients in a quart jar in order as listed.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Cranberry Hooties

In a medium bowl, cream together: 1/2 cup butter or margarine (softened), 1 egg, 1 tsp. vanilla. Add the entire jar of ingredients and mix together by hand until well blended. Drop by heaping spoonfuls onto greased baking sheet. Bake at 350* for 8-10 min.

GOURMET NUTTY CHOCOLATE BAR COOKIE MIX

1 cup all-purpose Flour
1/2 tsp. Baking Powder
1/2 tsp. Baking Soda
1-1/4 cups Rolled Oats
1 single serving size Milk Chocolate Bar (size can vary)
1/2 cup White Sugar
1/2 cup Brown Sugar
1/2 cup chopped Nuts, your choice (optional)
1/2 cup Chocolate Chips

In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and baking soda. Layer ingredients in order given in a quart size canning jar. Mix oatmeal in a blender. Grate chocolate bar and mix into the oatmeal. It is helpful to tap jar lightly on a padded surface (towel on counter) as you layer ingredients to make all ingredients fit neatly. Use scissors to cut a 9 inch-diameter circle from fabric of your choice. Center fabric circle over lid and secure with a rubber band. Tie on a raffia or ribbon bow to cover the rubber band.

Attach a card with the following directions:

Remove chocolate chips and nuts with a large spoon. Empty cookie mix into large mixing bowl. Stir mix with large wooden spoon to evenly distribute ingredients. Add 1/2 cup softened butter or margarine, 1 egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix until completely blended. Mixture will be thick, so you may need to use a wooden spoon to finish mixing. Shape into walnut sized balls and place onto a greased cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Bake at 375 degrees F for 8 to 10 minutes until edges are lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes on cookie sheet and then place cookies on baking racks to finish cooling.

Yield: 3 dozen

M&M's COOKIE MIX

1-1/4 cups sugar

1 cup M&Ms

2 cups flour mixed with 1/2 tsp. baking soda and 1/2 tsp. baking powder

Layer ingredients in jar in order given. Press each layer firmly in place before adding next ingredient.

Recipe to attach to jar:

Empty cookie mix in large mixing bowl; stir to combine. Add 3/4 cup softened butter, 2 eggs slightly beaten and 1 tsp. vanilla; mix until completely blended. Roll dough into walnut-sized balls. Place 2 inches apart on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for 12 to 14 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Yield: 2-1/2 dozen.

MOLASSES COOKIE MIX

Soft, crinkle-coated with sugar, and spicy, these old-fashioned cookies are delightful.

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. cloves
- 1/8 tsp. allspice
- 1 tsp. ginger

Layer ingredients in jar.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Molasses Cookies

Makes 4 dozen cookies

3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened

1 egg

1/4 cup sulfured molasses

1 package Molasses Cookie Mix

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In large bowl, cream together the butter, egg, and molasses. Add the Molasses Cookie Mix and beat until smooth. Shape the dough into 1-inch balls; roll in granulated sugar & place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

OATMEAL RAISIN SPICE COOKIE MIX

3/4 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup sugar

3/4 cup raisins

2 cups uncooked quick oats

1 cup flour mixed with 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg, 1 tsp. baking soda and 1/2 tsp. salt

Layer ingredients in jar in order given. Press each layer firmly in place before adding next ingredient.

Recipe to attach to jar:

Empty cookie mix in large mixing bowl; stir to combine. Add 3/4 cup softened butter, 2 eggs slightly beaten and 1 tsp. vanilla; mix until completely blended. Roll heaping tablespoonfuls into balls. Place 2 inches apart on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 11 to 13 minutes until edges are lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes on cookie sheet; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Yield: 3 dozen.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE MIX

3/4 cup chopped salted peanuts

3/4 cup packed brown sugar

3/4 cup sugar

3/4 cup peanut butter chips

1-1/2 cups flour mixed with 1 tsp. baking soda and 1/4 tsp. salt

Layer ingredients in jar in order given. Press each layer firmly in place before adding next ingredient.

Recipe to attach to jar:

Empty cookie mix in large mixing bowl; stir to combine. Add 1/2 cup softened butter, 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter, 2 eggs slightly beaten and 1 tsp. vanilla; mix until completely blended. Roll dough into walnut-sized balls. Place 2 inches apart on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 11 to 13 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. Yield: 3 dozen.

REESE'S PEANUT BUTTER CUPS COOKIE MIX

3/4 cup sugar

1/4 cup packed brown sugar

1-3/4 cups flour mixed with 1 tsp. baking powder and 1/2 tsp. baking soda

8 large Reese's peanut butter cups candies cut into 1/2 inch pieces (wrap in plastic wrap)

Layer ingredients in jar in order given. Press each layer firmly in place before adding next ingredient.

Recipe to attach to jar:

Remove candies from jar and set aside. Empty cookie mix in large mixing bowl; stir to combine. Add 3/4 cup softened butter, 2 eggs slightly beaten and 1 tsp. vanilla; mix until completely blended. Stir in candies. Roll dough into walnut-sized balls. Place 2 inches apart on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for 12 to 14 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. Yield: 2-1/2 dozen.

SCRUMPTIOUS SUGAR COOKIE MIX

2 cups Flour
2 tsp. Baking Soda
1 tsp. Salt
2 cups Sugar

In a large bowl, combine flour, salt and baking soda. Layer ingredients in jar in order given in a 1 quart canning jar. It is helpful to tap jar lightly on a padded surface (towel on counter) as you layer ingredients to make all ingredients fit neatly. Use scissors to cut a 9 inch-diameter circle from fabric of your choice. Center fabric circle over lid and secure with a rubber band. Tie on a raffia or ribbon bow to cover the rubber band.

Attach a card with the following directions:

Empty cookie mix into large mixing bowl. Stir mix with large wooden spoon to evenly distribute ingredients. Add 1 cup sour cream, 1 cup vegetable shortening, 2 eggs and 2 teaspoons vanilla. Mix until completely blended but do not beat with electric mixer. Mixture will be thick, so you may need to use a wooden spoon to finish mixing. Roll out onto floured surface and cut shapes, or shape into walnut sized balls, then roll in sugar and place onto a greased cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Flatten sugar coated cookies with bottom of a glass drinking glass. Bake at 350 degrees F for 7 to 10 minutes until edges are lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes on cookie sheet and then place cookies on baking racks to finish cooling.

Yield: 3 dozen cookies

SNICKERDOODLE COOKIE MIX

Snickerdoodles are soft sugar cookies dusted with cinnamon and sugar.

2 3/4 cups all purpose flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. cream of tartar
1 1/2 cups sugar

Layer ingredients in a Jar.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Snickerdoodles

Makes about 5 dozen cookies

1 cup butter or margarine, softened

2 eggs

1 package Snickerdoodle Mix

1/2 cup sugar

1 Tbsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In the large bowl of an electric mixer, cream the butter until light; add the eggs & beat on low speed until the mixture is smooth. Add the Snickerdoodle Mix & continue to beat on low speed until the dough begins to form. Combine the sugar & cinnamon in a small bowl. Shape the dough into 1-inch balls & roll in the cinnamon-sugar blend. Arrange on ungreased baking sheets 2 inches apart & bake for 16 to 19 minutes, or until light tan. Transfer to wire racks to cool.

SNOWBALLS MIX

Ingredients

1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped pecans

Directions

1-In a medium bowl, combine the confectioners' sugar and flour. Place into a 1 quart canning jar. Put the chopped pecans on top. Close the lid and attach a tag with the following instructions:

Snow Balls

Makes 4 dozen.

Preheat the oven to 325° F (165° C).

Grease cookie sheets.

In a medium bowl, cream together 3/4 cup of shortening and 1/4 cup of margarine. Stir in 2 teaspoons of vanilla. Add the entire contents of the jar, and mix well. Roll dough into 1 inch balls and place them on the prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until lightly browned. Cool, and roll in confectioners' sugar.

WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT PATTIES

ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS !

Keep your eye on these gems as they bake - they have a quick cooking time and should only take 9 minutes. Keep them in a tightly sealed container, or freeze them for longer storage.

Layer In Jar:

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

4 ounces white chocolate, chopped into 1/4-inch pieces

1/2 cup granulated sugar

attached separately in red saran wrap with a ribbon tie:

4 ounces peppermint candy, chopped into 1/3 inch pieces

Recipe to attach to jar:

Make the White Chocolate Peppermint Patties:

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F.
2. with a sifter, sift the jar mixes over a large bowl.
3. Heat 1 inch of water in the bottom half of a double boiler over medium heat. With the heat on, place the white chocolate in the top half of the double boiler. Use a rubber spatula to stir the chocolate until completely melted and smooth, about 4 minutes. Transfer the melted white chocolate to a 1-quart bowl and set aside until needed.
4. Place 1/2 cup granulated sugar and 6 tablespoons unsalted butter in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle. Beat on medium for 4 minutes until smooth. Use a rubber spatula to scrape down the sides of the bowl, then continue to beat on medium for 2 more minutes until very smooth. Add 1 egg and the 2 teas. vanilla extract and beat on medium for 1 minute until combined. Scrape down the bowl. Add the melted chocolate and beat on medium for 1 minute until combined. Scrape down the bowl. Add the sifted dry ingredients and mix on low until incorporated, about 30 seconds. Add the chopped peppermint candy and mix on low until incorporated, about 30 seconds. Remove the bowl from the mixer and use a rubber spatula to finish mixing the dough until thoroughly combined.
5. Using a heaping tablespoon of dough for each cookie (approximately 1/2 ounce), portion 12 cookies, evenly spaced, onto each of 3 nonstick baking sheets. Place the baking sheets on the top and center rack of the preheated oven and bake for 9 minutes until lightly golden brown around the edges, rotating the sheets from top to center halfway through the the baking time (at that time also turn each sheet 180 degrees). Remove the cookies from the oven and cool to room temperature for 30 minutes. Store the cookies in a tightly sealed plastic container until ready to serve.

GINGER SPICE MUFFIN MIX

A great gift for people on the go!!

1 3/4 cups flour
2 Tbsp. sugar
3 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 tsp. salt

Mix the first 4 items together and place in jar, layer the following.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Ginger Spice Muffins

Makes 1 dozen

1 pkg. Ginger Spice Muffin Mix
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup milk

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F, and grease 12 muffin tins. In a large bowl, combine the muffin mix with the butter, egg, vanilla and milk Stir the mixture until the ingredients are blended. Do not overmix. The batter will be lumpy. Fill muffin tins 2/3 full, and bake for 15 minutes.

APPLE CAKE MIX ~ LAST UP TO 1 YEAR IF SEALED
PROPERLY !
GREAT AS A GIFT !

2/3 c Shortening
1/2 ts Baking powder
3 1/3 c Sugar
2 ts Baking soda
4 Eggs
1 1/2 ts Salt
2 c Applesauce
1 ts Cinnamon (ground)
3 1/3 c Flour
1 ts Cloves (ground)
1 c Raisins
1/2 c Pecans (chopped)

Grease 8 WIDE-MOUTH pint canning jars with melted shortening. Use a brush and avoid getting grease on the jar rims. Cream shortening and sugar. Beat in eggs and applesauce. Sift together the dry ingredients and blend them into the applesauce mixture. Add the raisins and nuts and divide the batter evenly between 8 widemouth pint jars. The jars will be more than half full. Bake open jars about 60 minutes in an oven at 325 degrees. When done, quickly remove one hot jar at a time and clean its sealing edge. Immediately apply and firmly tighten a two-piece wide-mouth canning lid. The lid will form a vacuum seal as the jar cools. Jars of cooled bread may be stored on the pantry shelf with other canned foods or may be placed in a freezer. The bread is safe to eat as long as jars remain vacuum sealed and free of mold growth.

CAKE IN A MUG ~ GREAT FOR PARTIES !!!

Makes 8 coffee mugs

Cake mix in a mug that can be made in the Microwave. Use any flavor of cake mix and corresponding flavor of pudding mix.

For the glaze, Use a corresponding flavor of powdered mix, such as lemonade for lemon, cocoa for chocolate, et cetera.

1 (18.25 ounce) box cake mix
1 (4 serving) package instant pudding mix
2 2/3 cups confectioners sugar
1/4 cup Powdered dry flavoring mix (see description)
8 large coffee mugs
16 small plastic bags
24 twist ties

Directions: Check your coffee mugs to make sure each one holds 1 1/2 cups water. Place dry cake mix and dry pudding mix into a large bowl and blend well with a whisk. This will be about 4 to 4 1/2 cups of dry mix and will make 8 coffee cup cake mixes. Divide mix into 8 small plastic bags (about 1/2 cup each). Place mix into a corner of each bag and tie it there with a twist tie. Make glaze mix: in a medium bowl, combine confectioners sugar with powdered flavoring mix. Divide into 8 small plastic bags and close bag with a twist tie. Attach each glaze mix to the cake mix bags with a twist tie. Place one of each bag into each cup.

Attach the following instructions to each cup:

Generously spray inside of cup with cooking spray.

Empty contents of cake mix packet in cup.

Add 1 egg, 1 tablespoon of oil, 1 tablespoon water to dry mix. Mix 15 seconds, carefully mixing in all dry mix. Microwave on full power for 2 minutes. While cake is cooking, place ingredients from Glaze mix into a very small container and add 1 1/2 teaspoon water. Mix well. When cake is done, pour glaze over cake in cup. Enjoy while warm.

GINGERBREAD ~ BAKED IN JARS ~ GREAT GIFTS !

2 1/4 c Flour (all-purpose)
3/4 c Sugar
1 ts Baking soda
1/2 ts Baking powder
1/4 ts Salt
2 ts Ginger (ground)
1 ts Cinnamon (ground)
1/2 ts Cloves (ground)
3/4 c Margarine (softened)
3/4 c Water
1/2 c Molasses

Preheat oven to 325-degrees (NO higher).

Sterilize 5 (12 oz) Ball Quilted Crystal (#14400-81400) jam/jelly canning jars, lids and rings by boiling them for 15 minutes. Remove the jars from the water and allow them to air-dry on your counter top; leave the lids and rings in the hot water until you're ready to use them. Once the jars are cool enough to handle, use a pastry brush to grease them with shortening (DO NOT use butter, margarine, PAM or Baker's Secret); set aside. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt, ginger, cinnamon and cloves. Stir in margarine, water and molasses until well blended. Divide batter among the 5 jars (they should be about 1/2 full). Place jars onto a cookie sheet or they'll tip over. Bake in preheated 325-degree oven for 35 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Move the jars around in the oven while they're baking, so they'll bake evenly. Have your HOT lids ready. Using HEAVY-DUTY MITTS (the jars ARE HOT!) Take one jar at a time from the oven and place a lid on, then the ring. Tightly screw on lids--do it FAST because the lid gets REAL hot! Allow jars to cool on your countertop. Once the jars are cool, decorate with round pieces of cloth. Unscrew the ring (the lid should be sealed by now) and place a few cotton balls or a wad of batting on top of the lid (makes it poof-y on top), then a piece of cloth (about 3" larger than the lid) on top and screw the ring back on.

SPICED APPLE CAKE MIX

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. powdered vanilla
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
1 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup golden raisins

Arrange ingredients in layers.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Spiced Apple Cake

Serves 8 to 10

1 package Spiced Apple Cake Mix

1 1/2 cups canola oil

3 large eggs

3 cups chopped apples

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F & grease a tube or Bundt pan.

Place the Spiced Apple Cake Mix into a large mixing bowl. Make a well in the center of the Mix; add the oil, eggs, and apples. Stir until mixture is smooth. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for 1 hour & 10 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool; remove from the cake pan.

TEXAS DOUBLE FUDGE BROWNIE MIX

Dense and fudgy, these are the best brownies in the world.

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup cocoa (not Dutch process)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Layer ingredients in Jar.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Double-Fudge Brownies

Makes 24

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened

- 4 eggs

- 1 package Double-Fudge Brownie Mix

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Grease a 12 by 9 inch pan. In the large bowl of an electric mixer, cream the butter. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the Double-Fudge Brownie Mix & continue to beat the mixture until it is smooth. Spread the mixture into the greased pan, & bake for 40 to 50 minutes.

AMARETTO COCOA MIX

Ingredients

10 1/2 C. Non-Fat Dry Milk

4 C. Confectioner's Sugar

2 8 oz. Jars of Amaretto Flavored Non-Dairy Powdered Creamer

3 1/2 C. Chocolate Mix for Milk (Nestle's Quick)

2 3/4 C. Non-Dairy Powdered Creamer

1/2 tsp Salt

Layer in a Jar.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Combine 3 heaping tablespoons of cocoa mix into hot water or milk

*This recipe can be used with any flavor of non-dairy powdered creamer

CAFÉ BAVARIAN MINT COFFEE

1/4 C. Powdered Creamer
1/3 C. Sugar
1/4 C. Instant Coffee
2 T. Powdered Baking Cocoa
2 hard candy Peppermints

Layer in a jar.

Recipe to attach to jar:

Process in a blender on liquify until well blended. Store in an air tight container. Use by tablespoonfuls according to taste. Spoon in cup and add hot water.

CAFÉ SWISS MOCHA FLAVORED COFFEE

1/4 C. Powdered Creamer
1/3 C. Sugar
1/4 C. Instant Coffee
2 T. Powdered Baking Cocoa

Layer in a canning jar.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Process in a blender on liquify until well blended. Store in an air tight container. Use by tablespoonfuls according to taste. Spoon in cup and add hot water

FRENCH VANILLA COCOA MIX

Ingredients

10 1/2 C. Non-Fat Dry Milk

4 C. Confectioner's Sugar

2 8 oz. Jars of French Vanilla Flavored Non-Dairy Powdered Creamer

3 1/2 C. Chocolate Mix for Milk (Nestle's Quick)

2 3/4 C. Non-Dairy Powdered Creamer

1/2 tsp Salt

Layer in a Jar.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Combine 3 heaping tablespoons of cocoa mix into hot water or milk

*This recipe can be used with any flavor of non-dairy powdered creamer

HOT COCOA MIX

Ingredients

10 1/2 C. Non-Fat Dry Milk

4 C. Confectioner's Sugar

4 1/4 C. Chocolate Mix for Milk (Nestle's Quick)

2 3/4 C. Non-Dairy Powdered Creamer

1/2 tsp Salt

Layer in a Jar.

Recipe to attach to Jar:

Combine 3 heaping tablespoons of cocoa mix into hot water or milk

*This recipe can be used with any flavor of non-dairy powdered creamer

INSTANT CAPPUCINO

1 c. powdered creamer

1 c. powdered chocolate milk mix

2/3 c. instant coffee

1/2 c. sugar

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Layer ingredients in jar.

Recipe to attach to jar:

Use 1 heaping Tbls. per cup of boiling water.

INSTANT SPICED TEA

2 cups powdered orange breakfast drink
1-1/2 cups sugar
3/4 cup instant tea
2 packages unsweetened lemonade mix
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Layer ingredients in jar.

Recipe to attach to jar:

"Spiced Tea. Add 2 heaping teaspoons
to 1 cup boiling water."

VERY RICH HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

8 cups dry milk

1 pound instant chocolate drink, like Swiss Miss or Nestle's Quick

1 cup Cremora, Coffeemate, or Pream

4 heaping tablespoons powdered sugar

Layer the ingredients and put them into a jar

Label the mix "Rich Hot Chocolate. Add 1/2 cup mix per cup of boiling water." Makes 24 cups.

Below are the complete plans for a very nice doll house. Follow the directions carefully and you will have a much nicer dollhouse then you could buy in a "kit". Print the complete set of instructions and drawings by printing pages 51 thru 62



Materials for the House

Here is the list of materials you will need to construct the basic house then to cover it with roofing and siding. The specialty materials needed for the door and windows are given along with the 'how-to-build instructions' for those details.

ROOF, WALLS	1 - 4 x 8' sheet of 1/4" A-C plywood
FLOORS	1 - 4 x 4' sheet of 3/8" A-C plywood
TRIM A	22 strips 1/16 x 3/8 x 24" or 11 pieces 3/8 x 3/8 x 22" corner molding (available from home centers and dollhouse stores.)
B	6 strips 3/16 x 1/4 x 24"
C	2 strips 1/16 x 1 1/2 x 24"
D	1-12" piece of fluted 1 1/4" molding (or use router and bead cutter to make your own ornamental fascia trim)
SIDING	70-1/16 x 1/2 x 24" strips of balsa or bass wood. Or sheets of siding-1/16 x 3 1/2 x 22"- are available at dollhouse suppliers). They come in packages of 10 sheets. You will need two packages.
SHINGLE	Can be made from tongue depressors or 1/8" thick strips of pine. Or they can be purchased from dollhouse suppliers. A bag of 100 shingles covers 76 sq. inches. Five to six bags needed.

Miscellaneous Supplies Needed

- Carpenter's Wood Glue
- Contact Cement
- Carpenter's Wood Filler
- Spray Paint-1 can each of Ruddy Brown Primer and two or three colors of your choice for house, trim, and roof
- 120-grit sandpaper (closed coat)
- Masking tape
- 1 " brads

Tools You Will Need

- 10 or 13 oz hammer
- Brad pusher
- Circular and/or sabre saws Or Crosscut and keyhole saws
- Nail set
- Pad sander (or wooden block)
- Sharp Knife
- Putty knife
- Ruler

1. Cutting

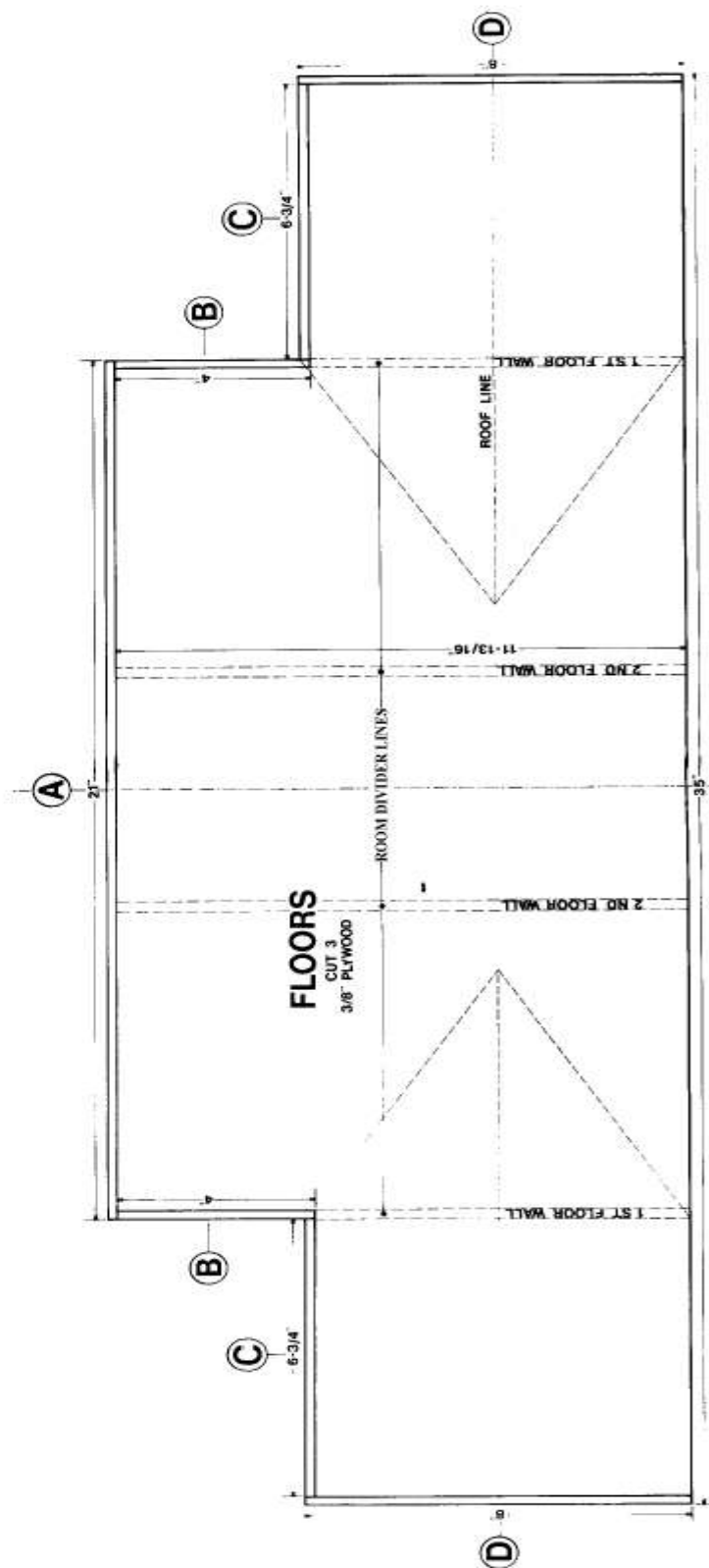
GENERAL INFORMATION

Start by laying out full-size drawings of the major parts for walls, floor and roof on the appropriate plywood sheets. If, for some reason, a variation in measurement occurs, make adjustments as required.

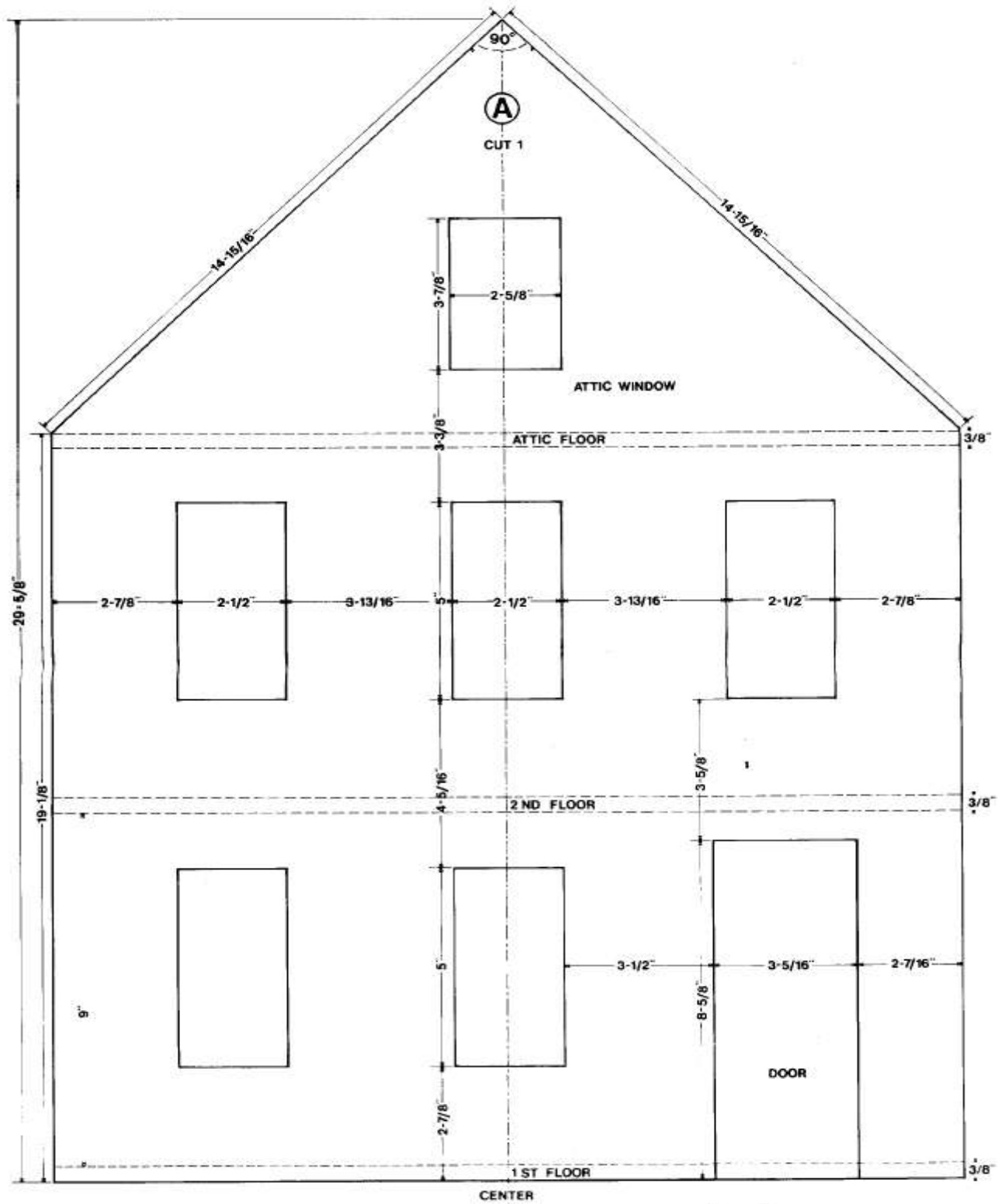
Door and window openings are sized to fit the make-your-own door and windows directions given later. If you want to use ready-made door and windows, check their dimensions carefully before cuffing openings in the plywood.

FLOORS

Using a clamped straight edge and circular saw, cut three 13" wide x 48" long panels from the sheet of 3/8" plywood. (Note: cut the plywood with its good side down when using either circular or sabre saw.) Next, on one of the panels draw the basic floor plan, following the layout shown in Illus. 1. When satisfied that the drawing is correct, place this panel over the other two, keeping two edges of all three perfectly aligned. Use either clamps or small nails (out of the cutting path) to keep the three panels rigidly fixed while you cut all three at one time.

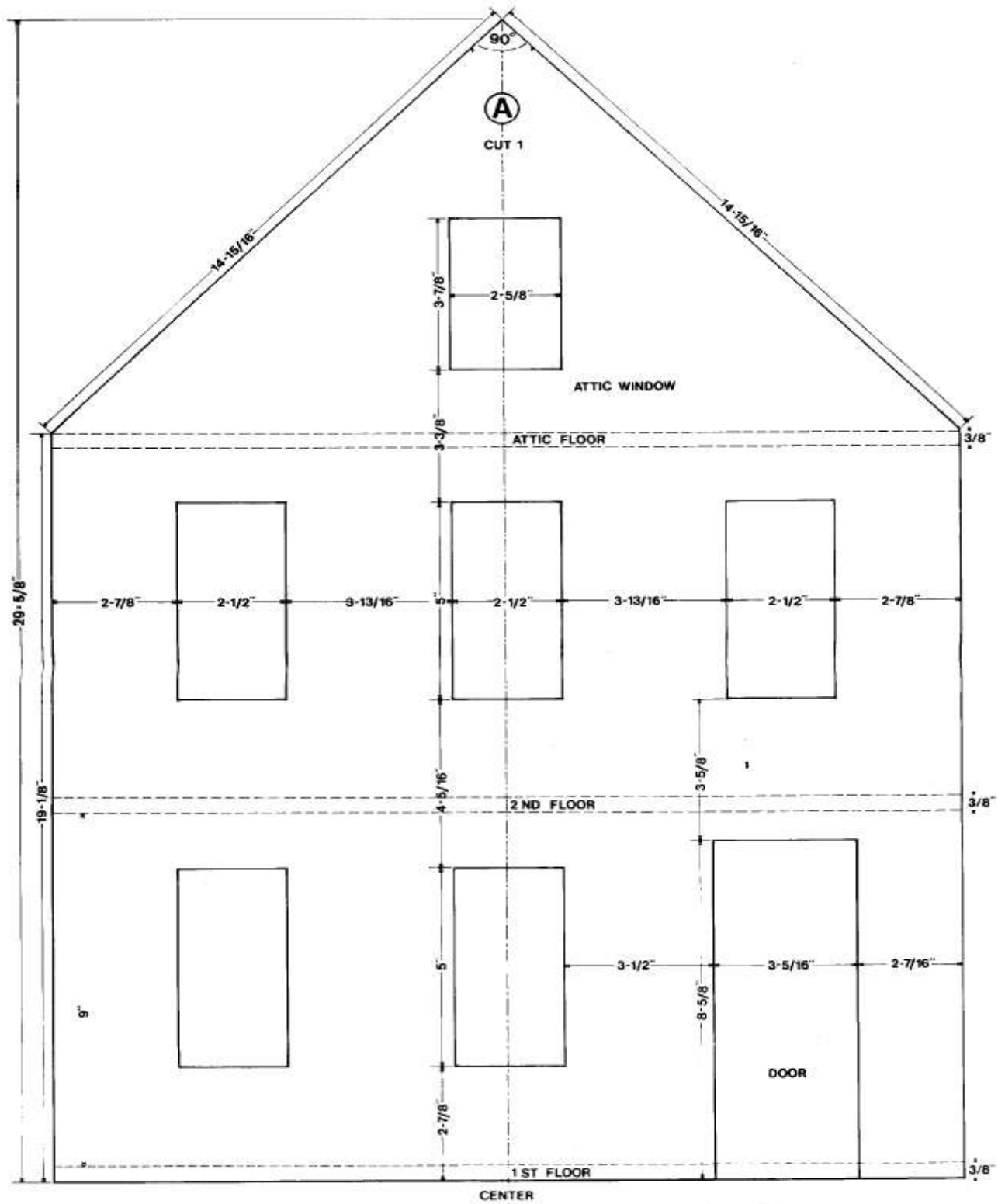


3. Exterior Walls-Front



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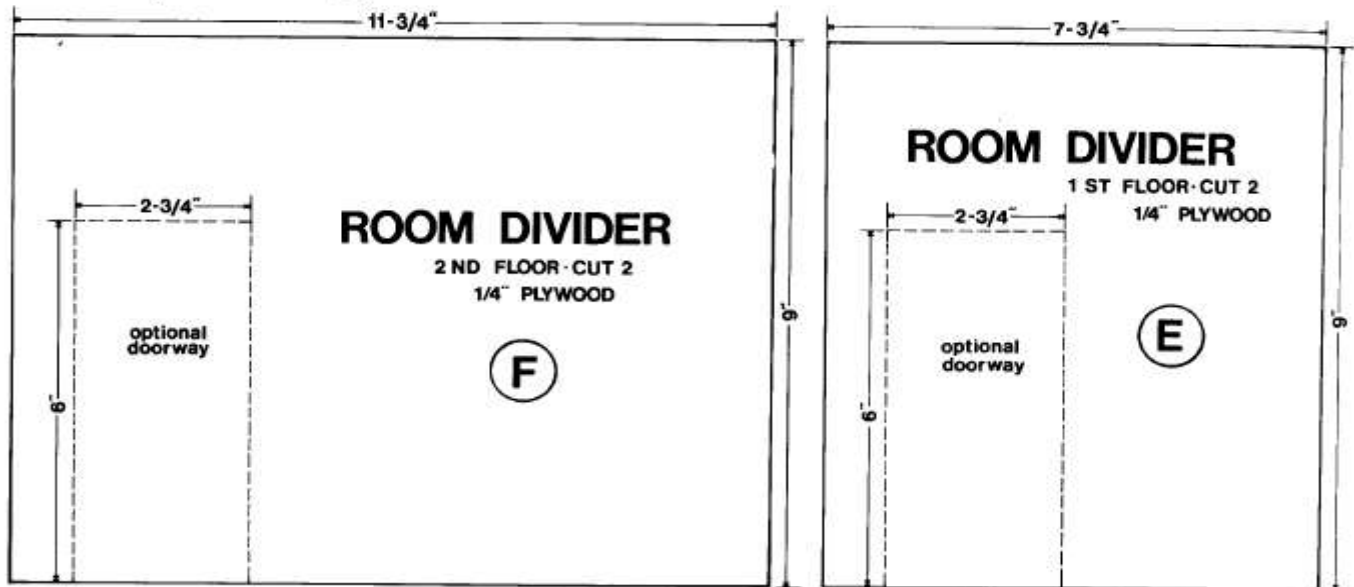
3. Exterior Walls-Front



(Illus. II)

4. Exterior Walls-Sides

Cut the 4 pieces from 1/4" plywood as shown in Illus. VI.

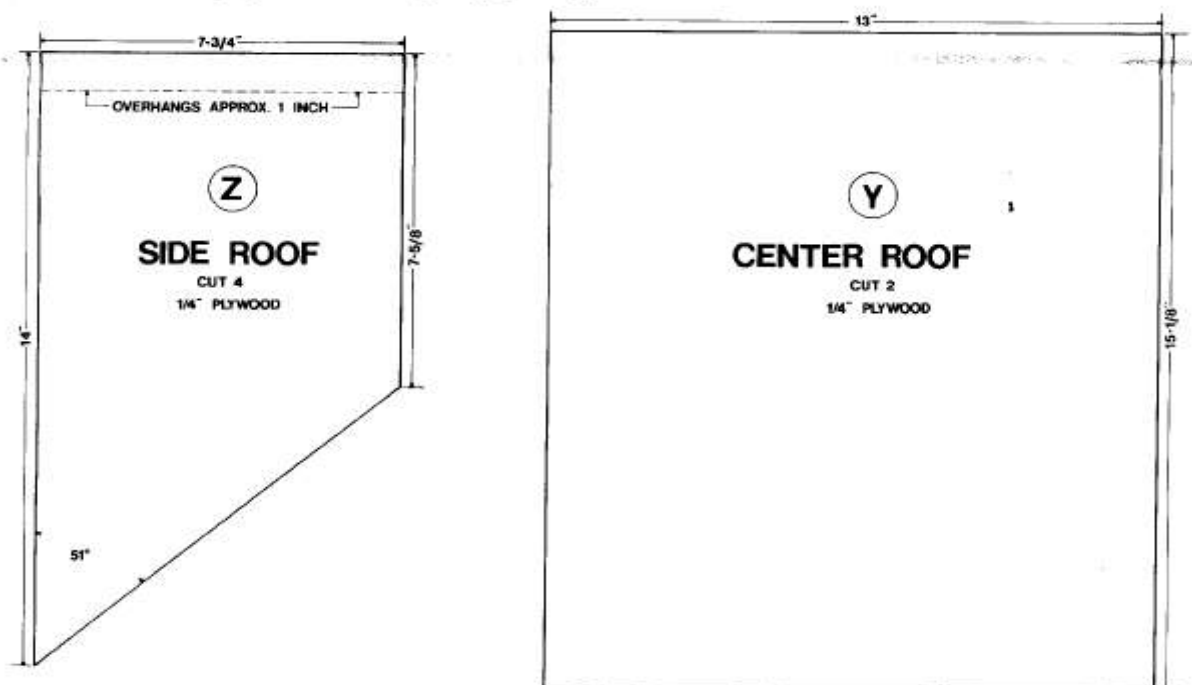


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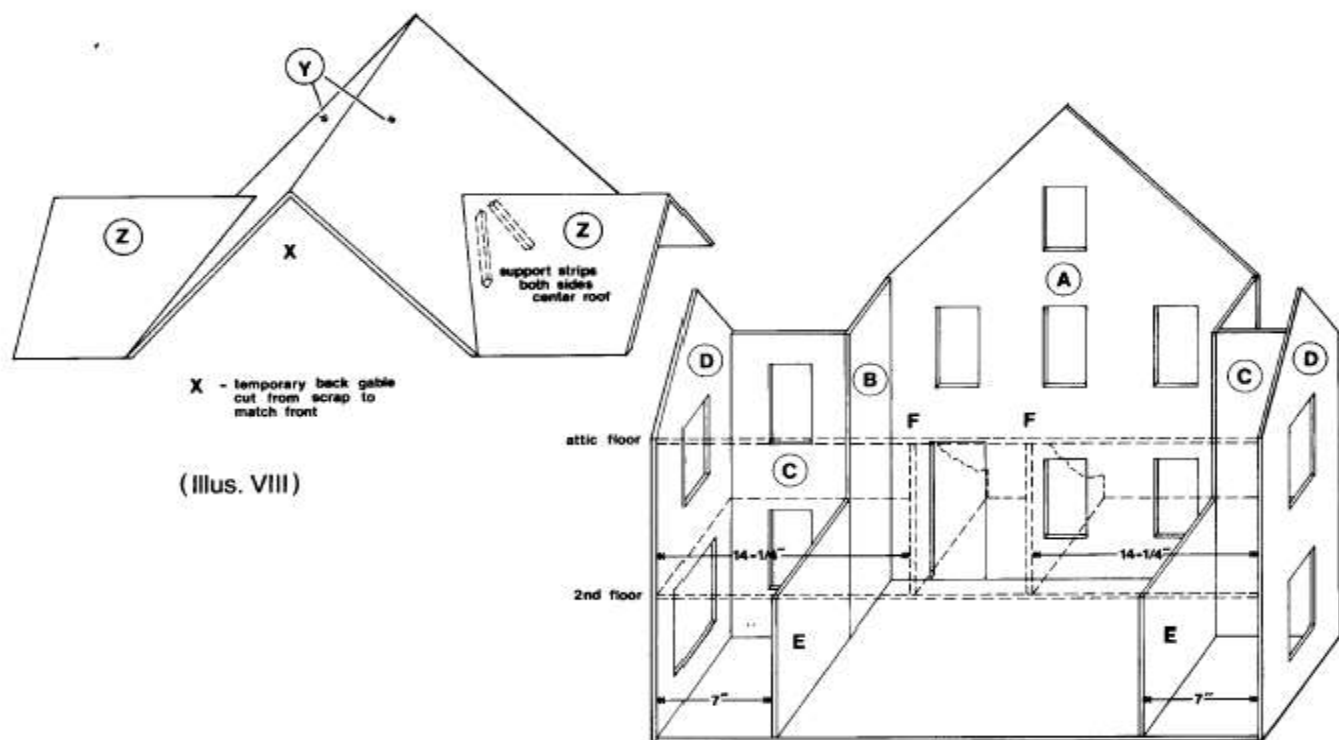
5. Roof

Cut the 6 pieces from 1/4" plywood as shown in Illus. VII.

IMPORTANT After all plywood parts are cut-and before joining them-check all edges for voids and all surface areas for scratches or dents. Using a putty knife, fill in all imperfections with wood filler. Allow filler to dry thoroughly before sanding the plywood parts.



(Illus. VII)



6. Assembling

GENERAL TIPS

Sand all cut pieces of plywood smooth before proceeding with assembly. Since plywood comes from the manufacturer already sanded fairly smooth, use 120-grit abrasive paper on a pad sander or wrapped around small block of wood to prevent rounding of edges, as all pieces are butt-joined. Dust off.

Use 111 brads and carpenter's wood glue for all joinery. This glue gives a good span of working time but, once you have joined the parts, the dollhouse should be allowed to dry undisturbed for at least 12 hours.

After fastening with brads, immediately, remove any glue squeeze-out from joints, using a water dampened rag. If you miss any such spots, hardened glue can be removed later with a sharp chisel.

PROFESSIONAL TIP

Apply wood glue sparingly. A little goes a long way. More doesn't make it stronger. Apply the glue to mating surfaces and spread it evenly with a wooden spatula or brush. If you leave the glue exposed to the air for about 30 seconds, the parts will not slide about when you make contact and drive the brads.

ASSEMBLING WALLS AND FLOORS

Start by attaching wall sections B to the first floor. Apply glue to mating surfaces and use brads through wall and into floor. Add front wall A, then sections C and D.

Install and secure interior walls E to the first floor and to edges of walls B, applying glue to mating surfaces.

Install interior walls F on top of second floor where marked in plans, using glue and brads. Insert preassembled floor into place and draw thin lines along walls where floor and partitions will meet walls. Take out and draw thin bead of glue touching the lines. Apply thin bead to edge of floor and partitions and install floor into house.

Insert attic floor and mark where floor hits exterior walls. Draw bead of glue along lines and mating edges of floor and install.

NOTE: While floors are secured by brads through walls and into the edges of the plywood, glue must be used to obtain a permanent joint.

ROOF

The roof is attached starting with the center sections (Y). To give rigidity during assembly, you might want to cut a temporary back gable (X) which will match the front gable of side A. Assemble roof sections (Y) to house at front, using glue and brads. Insert temporary back gable (X) and hold in place with partially-driven brads only. To roof wings, hold one Z section in place at a time. As each is placed in what will be final position, mark its underside on mating roof Y. Make matchmarks on both for later joining. Repeat for all four Z panels. Place Z parts aside for the moment and install four support strips, using the just-drawn guidelines. (See Illus. VIII.) When strips are permanently secured, roof parts Z can go on. Remove the temporary gable after all assembly is completed.

7. The Finishing Touches

SIDING

The house is designed so that it can be finished with or without siding as you prefer. You can make own from 1/16 x 1/2 x 24" strips of balsa wood or you can purchase them from a high-end craft store.

The strips of siding are glued to the house's exterior walls with contact cement. Apply the cement to both surfaces, wait approximately 20 minutes and test cement for dryness by touching with a clean piece of brown paper. When glue doesn't adhere to paper the parts can be permanently pressed together. Start at bottom. Each succeeding strip should overlap the preceding strip by about 1/8".

ROOF SHINGLES

The roof shingles on the house are available by the bagful. Each bag of 100 shingles covers approximately 76 square inches. If you prefer, you can make your own shingles by cutting 1/4 x 3/4" pieces from 1/8" lattice. Or, cut them from tongue depressors available at drugstores. Glue the shingles in place on the roof, using the pattern shown in the drawing.

TRIM

If trim is to be contrasting color from house, paint it before installing on already painted house. (See "Painting.") Using wood glue, install corner mold A on corners of house over siding and along the roof joints over shingles. If you cannot buy corner mold, a pair of 1/16 x 3/8" strips at each corner can be used to create the same effect.

Install trim B (3/16 x 1/4" strips) along the gable (rake) of the roof. Glue fascia trim C (1/16 x 1 1/2" strips) flat against the house and flush with the roof overhang. The molding ends should be mitered. Notice the ornamental moldings along the rake fascia trim on the gable ends of the house. These are simply 1/2" cut from a strip of shaped or fluted molding and glued in place under the roof overhang as indicated on the drawing.

8. Windows Shutters, and Door

If you plan to purchase ready-made windows and door, check parts measurements before cutting openings in the plywood. See "Sources" for information on these components.

BAY WINDOW

Use chart below for quantity and sizes of pieces needed to make a bay window. Assemble as shown in Illus. X, using carpenter's wood Glue.

Quantity and Sizes-Bay Window Parts

3-a 5 1/4" x 115/16" clear plastic to back each section of bay window.

3-b

1-c

2-d SEE DIAGRAM FOR SIZES

3-e

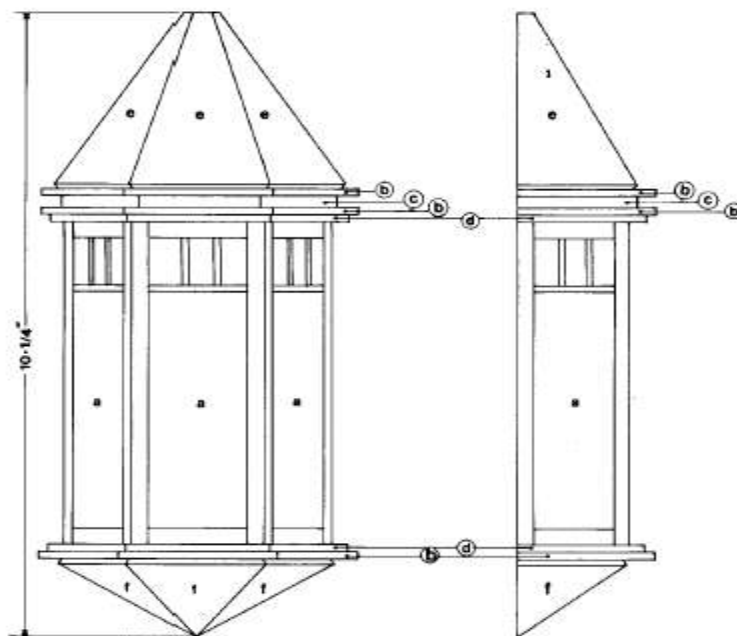
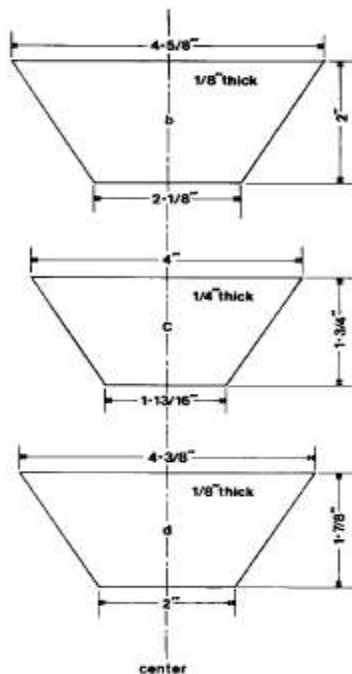
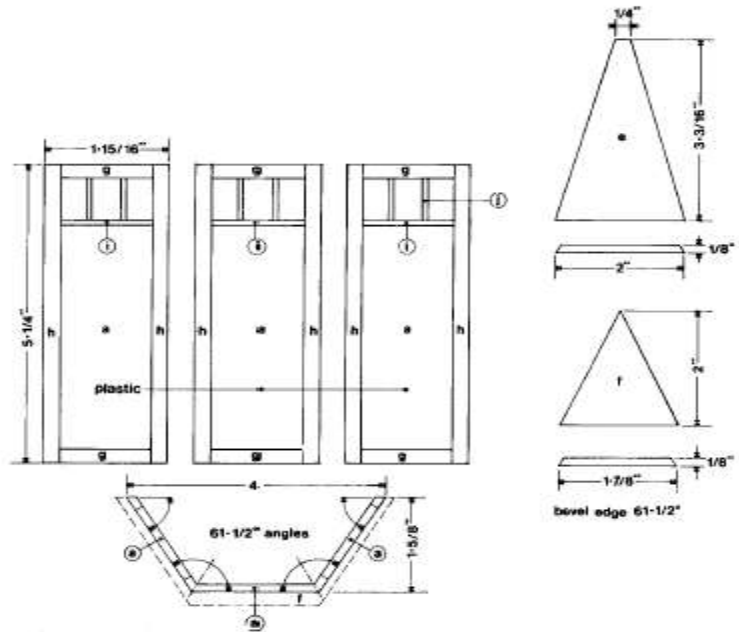
3-f

6-g 17/161, wide 1/41, high 1/8" thick

6-h 1/4" wide 5 1/4" high 1/81, thick

3-i 17/16" wide 1/8" square

6-j 3/4" high 1/81, square



(Illus. X)

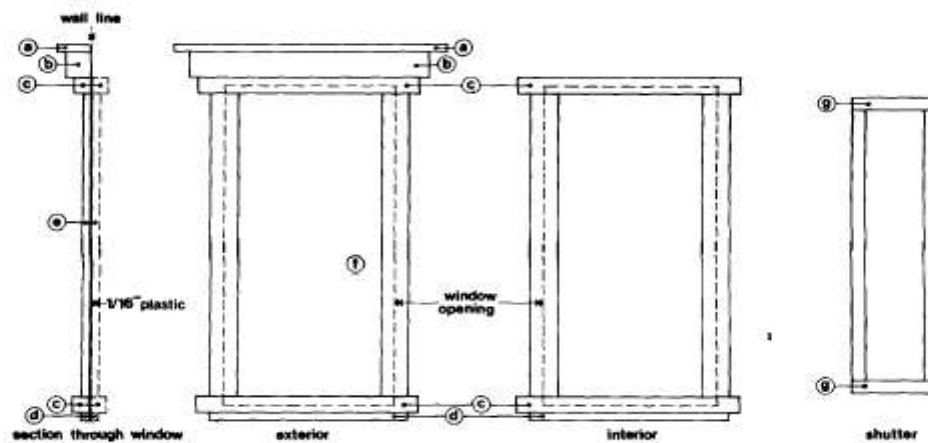
BAY WINDOW DETAILS

9. Other Windows and Shutters

Use chart below for cuffing the parts for the 13 windows (12 regular and 1 attic). Assemble with glue as shown in Illus. XI.

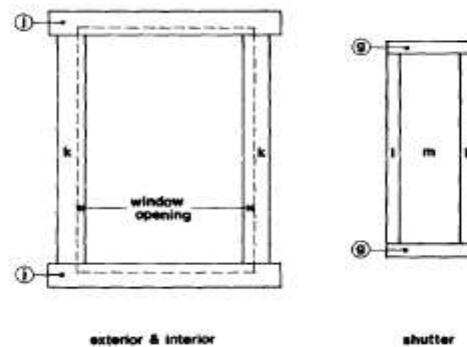
Quantity and Sizes for Windows and Shutters

12-a	4" wide	1/2" deep	1/8" thick
12-b	3 1/2" wide	3/8" square	
48-c	3 1/4" wide	1/4" square	
24-d	2 7/8" wide	1/8" square	
48-e	4 3/4" high	3/8" wide	1/8" thick
12-f	2 1/16" wide	1/8" square	
50-g	1 1/4" wide	3/16" high	1/16" thick
48-h	4 1/4" high	3/16" wide	1/16" thick
24-i	4 5/8" high	1 1/4" wide	1/16" thick
4-j	3 3/8" wide	3/8" high	1/8" thick
4-k	3 5/8" high	3/8" wide	1/8" thick
4-l	3" high	3/16" wide	1/16" thick
2-m	3 3/8" high	1 1/4" wide	1/16" thick



WINDOW DETAILS

(Illus. XI)



ATTIC WINDOW

10. Door

Use chart below for cuffing pieces for door and frame.
Assemble with glue as shown in Illus. XII.

Quantity and Sizes for Door

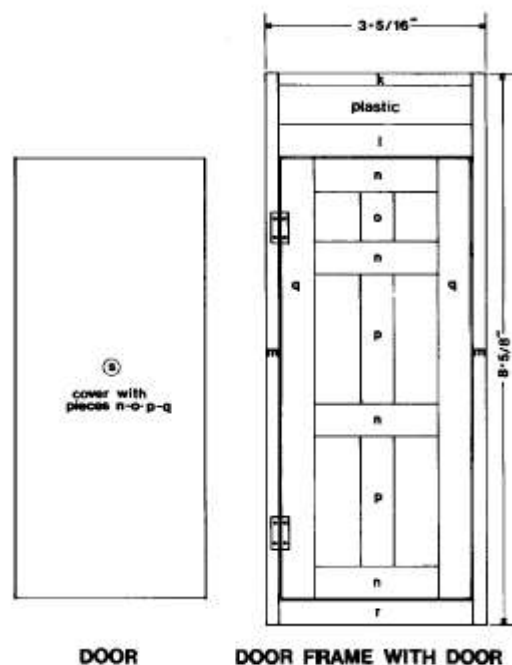
2-a	5/8" wide	4 3/8" long	1/8" thick
2-b	1/2" wide	13/16" high	9/16" thick
1-c	3/4" wide	4 5/8" long	1/8" thick
2-d	1/2" wide	11/4" high	9/16" thick
2-e	1/2" wide	5 9/16" high	1/8" thick
2-f	5/8" wide	3/4" high	1/4" thick
1-g	3 1/8" wide	3/8" high	1/8" thick
2-h	115/16" wide	1 " deep 1/4" thick	
2-hh	1 1/2" wide	1 " deep 1/4" thick	
2-i	13/16" wide	1 " deep 1/4" thick	
2-j	13/8" wide	1 " deep 1/4" thick	
1-k	2 15/16" wide	3/16" high	1/8" thick
1-l	215/16" wide	1/2" high	1/8" thick
2-m	3/16" wide	8 5/8" high	1/8" thick
4-n	1 13/16" wide	1/2" high	3/32" thick
11-0	1/2" wide	3/4" high	3/32" thick
2-p	1/2" wide	2" high	3/32" thick
2-q	1/2" wide	6 7/8" high	3/32" thick
1-r	2 15/16" wide	3/8" high	1/8" thick
1-s	2 7/8" wide	6 7/8" high	1/4" thick

11. Painting

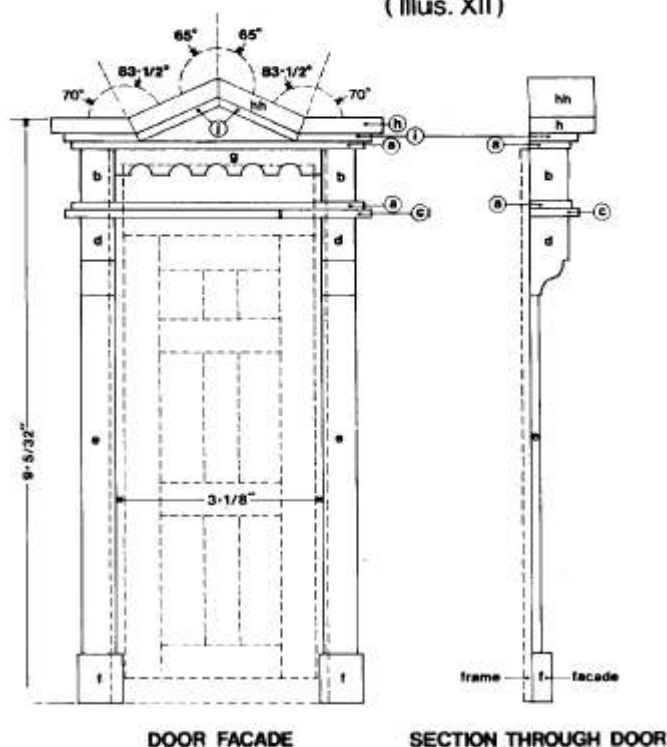
Before painting, give the house a final, thorough dusting (a vacuum cleaner is best), then wipe all parts with a tack cloth to remove every bit of dust.

If room areas are to be stained, mask them before applying primer.

If you plan on painting trim (corner molding, windows, shutters, etc.) a different color from the main part of the house, paint the house before installing the pre-painted trim. Spray entire house with Ruddy Brown Primer and allow to dry overnight. Spray on color, using two very light coats; allow the first coat half an hour or so to dry before applying the second.



(Illus. XII)





(Illus. IX) TRIM DETAILS

